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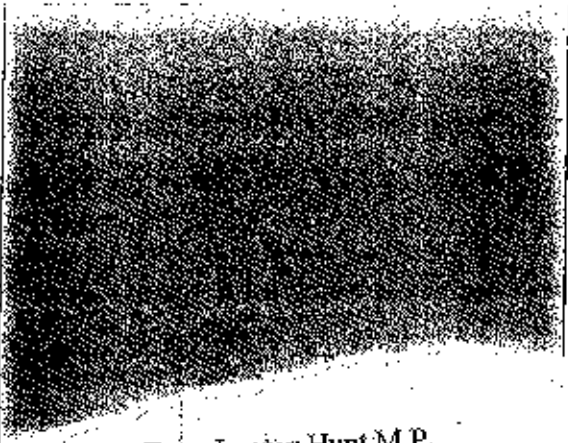
Date 24-7-14

Re: Plain Packaging Consultation -

Plain packaging will effect my Business
for the following reasons

- (1) Illicit trade will increase
- (2) More difficult and time consuming
to identify Brands on shelf
- (3) Customers will buy the cheapest
product so losing me profit
margin.

Yours faithfully



Dear Jeremy Hunt M.P.

I write to you as a formal consultation response
The government is one minute supposedly supporting small and local shops. In the next comes across in a very different manor when it is said to be following E.U laws and banning packs of less than 20 cigarettes and roll your own tobacco of less than 30gm.

Again another E.U. directive of 65% health warning. What's the point of plain packaging - also creating the closed fronts on cigarette gannies. As these health warnings cannot be seen until after purchase, which also creates extra time in selling to the customer, turning our backs to the public whilst opening and closing these fronts. Thus creating unsafe time with our backs to the public. The government's claims decrease in transaction times is unjust considering the increase in times to open and close these units.

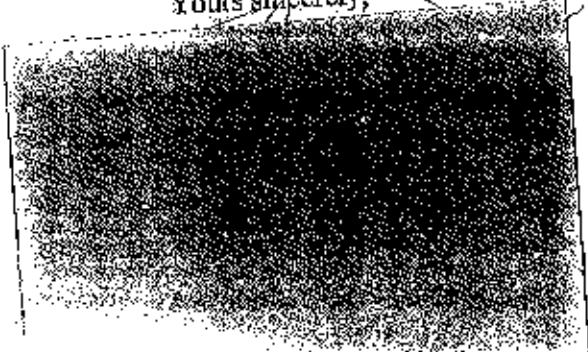
Illegal traders have no worries over whom they sell duty-free and illegal cigarettes. Whilst as a retailer I am not permitted to sell to anyone under the age of 18 without the possibilities of a £5000 fine and possible imprisonment. Not only duty-free but illegal cigarettes and tobacco from foreign countries whose composition is not just unhealthy - but dangerous.

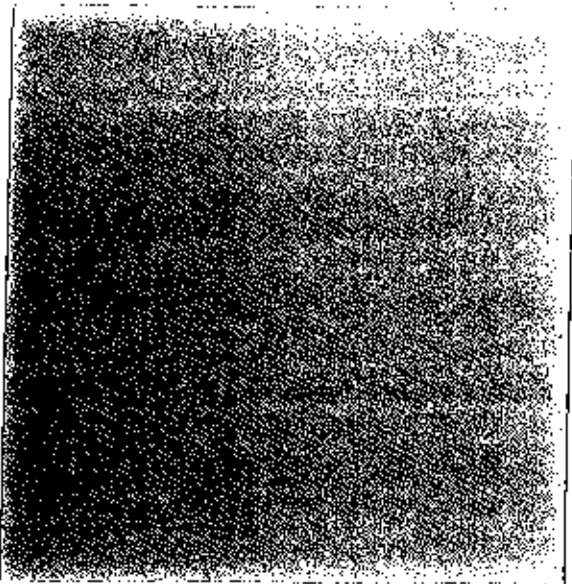
Plain packs will also encourage smokers to a cheaper brand creating less income to the government, less profit for the retailer and possible closure of units creating an increase in unemployment and more cost to the government.

Like a lot of things we as a country follow on from others, one of the most recent is plain packaging and closed units in Australia. Which in itself has created an increase of illegal cigarettes and tobacco.

Thus creating a decrease in sales, a decrease in retail outlets. A decrease in tax income. An increase in unemployment, an increase in duty-free supplies, an increase in illegal cigarettes and tobacco which in itself creates a further increase to the National Health Service.

Yours sincerely,





Dear Jeremy Hunt me,

I am writing in response to the Plame Pack consultation

I do not agree with Plame Pack packaging for the
cigarettes. This is because I will lose sales


the smugglers and counterfeiters. Business is
already difficult, and I will lose more turnover
and sales.

With my time taken to serve my customers will
be greatly slowed down as I will not be able to
find the brands quickly

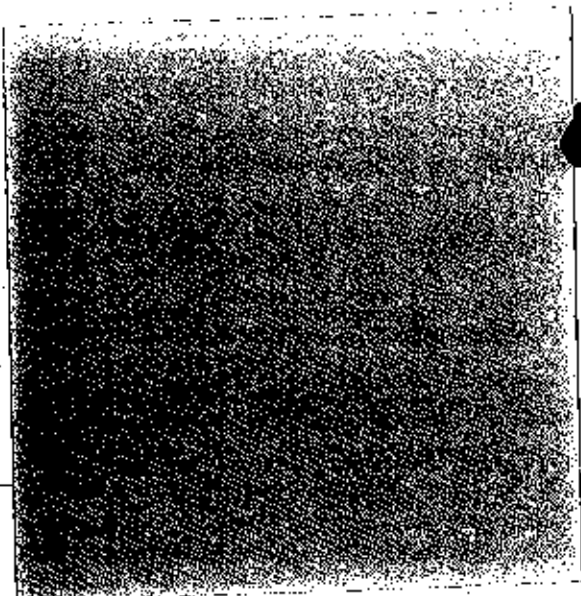
Please take my thoughts into mind when
coming to a decision

Yours

John Bull



Ref below consumption
response



Dear MR Hunt

We are strongly opposed to the new legislation that all tobacco products have to be plain packets.


In my opinion this will lead to the sale of illegal tobacco. It


will effect our sales in an already struggling economy. Having researched

it on line there is no evidence that when introduced in Australia it

decreased sales of underage purchases

As long as staff are properly trained in not selling to minors I think that, and good parenting will suffice.





Dept of Health.

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28th July 2014.

Re: Formal Consultation Response

Dear Mr Hunt,

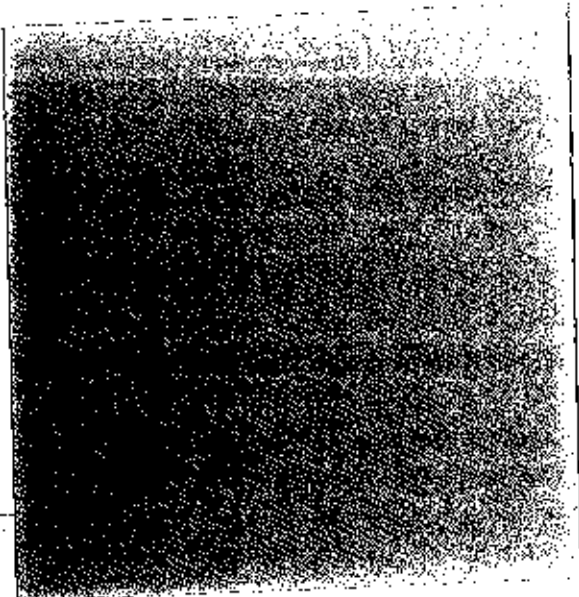
I as a shop keeper am opposed to standardising
or plain packaging on cigarettes.

As would cause confusion and upset for both
staff and customers.

As I am sure you are aware a similar
'experiment' was carried out in Australia with
an adverse effect therefore the necessity of this
proposed change I feel would be unnecessary

Yours faithfully





Dear Mr Hunt

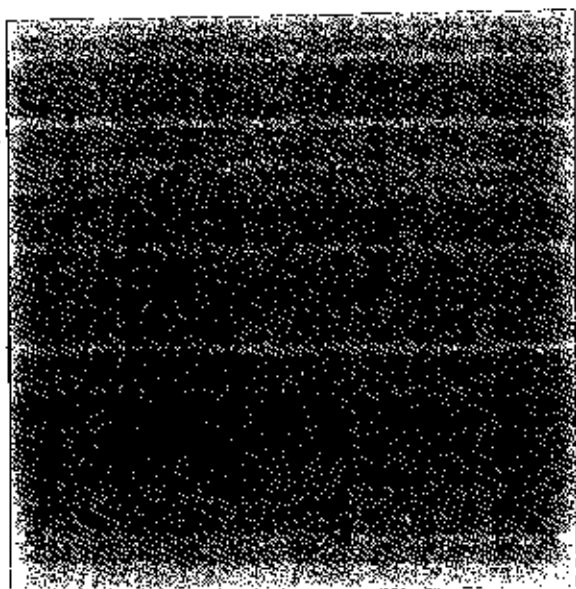
I am writing to you as I am deeply concerned about the introduction of plain packaging on all Tobacco products, I have been trading as an independent retailer for over thirty years and business has never been tougher, my main concern is that by putting tobacco products into plain packs this is going to increase purchases of illicit brands as they are sold in every estate within the Lurgan area.

I am totally against promoting tobacco to underage children but feel this is the wrong way about doing this, educating children within the school environment is key.

By putting tobacco products into plain packs it is also going to be very confusing for both the consumers and my staff thus taking more time and money to train them up.

I am aware that Australia brought in similar laws a couple of years ago but can't find any evidence to prove that this has made a difference.

Regards



30th July 14.

To whom it may concern

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am an independent ~~own~~ retailer. I am concerned about the plain packaging of Tobacco products proposed by the govt as it'll affect my business primarily.

Plain packaging will make it very difficult for shopkeepers like me to distinguish between different brands easily while customers are kept waiting meaning ~~less~~ losing less customers for hours than now.

Illicit trade of cigarettes will increase I believe due to this ~~legis~~ proposed introduction of plain packs.

Yours sincerely




Jeremy Hunt MP
Dept. of Health
7th Floor
Wellington House
133-135 Waterloo Rd.
London SE1 1UG

Dear Mr Hunt,

I would like to respond to the Plain Packaging consultation. I am a small shopkeeper. I am very concerned about the Plain Packaging, as I believe is totally unnecessary as it would lead to increase in counterfeit cigarettes reducing my footfall and lowering my overall profits. This will affect my livelihood and might result in closing down of my business. Being 59 yrs old will leave me with no career prospect. I have to train my staff regarding Plain Packaging which will make it more time consuming and difficult.

Yours Sincerely



[REDACTED]

24/07/2014

Dear Jeremy Hunt MP

I am writing this letter in relation to my opposition of the new alleged plain packaging law.

I oppose this law for the following reasons:

1. The government should be supporting small retail shops like myself but instead are placing a burden ~~ap~~ on me.
2. serving times will increase due to all packs being same colour and size.
3. Products will be more easier to counterfeit resulting in increased counterfeit trade and in turn affect the business which is proved by the evidence from Australia.
4. The display ban is yet to come into effect and you are imposing even more restrictions. I would recommend seeing how the display ban goes first before jumping to impose plain packaging.

Please accept this as a formal consultation response and I hope you take my points into consideration and do not go ahead with this ~~imposed~~ ~~legislat~~ Proposed legislation

Your Sincerely
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

28th July 2014

Dear Jeremy Hunt MP,

This is my Retailer's Formal Consultation Response

I own 3 businesses in Northern Ireland, employing 36 people, all 3 being convenience stores under the Spar brand. The nature of my business, and a fact of life of Convenience Stores and CTNs, is that tobacco sales account for a large part of participation within all of my sites, averaging 33%.

Whereas I recognise the health implications from tobacco smoking, I think the measures you are looking to introduce will have a massive and long lasting effect on my businesses. That is if I can remain in business. As any business/company would struggle losing 33% of it's turnover.

- Bigger packs will lead to customers visiting my stores less frequently, less footfall, and an even greater impact on turnover.
- Plain packaging is playing into the hands of the smugglers, an already massive headache for me as it is.
- The confusion from plain packaging at the Point Of Sale is going to cause all manner of problems.
- Evidence from the Australian Government's response to tobacco sales points to an increase in the smuggled tobacco trade.
- We, as retailers, are bound by the law with regards to Age Related Sales....Smugglers aren't.

I would urge you to listen to us retailers and make the correct decision

Yours Sincerely

[REDACTED]

MR Jeremy Hunt MP

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
26th July 2014

RETAILERS FORMAL CONSULTATION RESPONSE

Dear Mr J Hunt (MP),

I am writing to you in the hope that you will listen to my plea that you should abandon the shortsighted proposal of having tobacco products sold in plain packaging.

Small shopkeepers are the hub of any community and I am astonished that the Government would look at any proposal that would damage this.

The illicit trade will think they have won the lottery should this proposal go through and to think that our Government were responsible is astonishing.

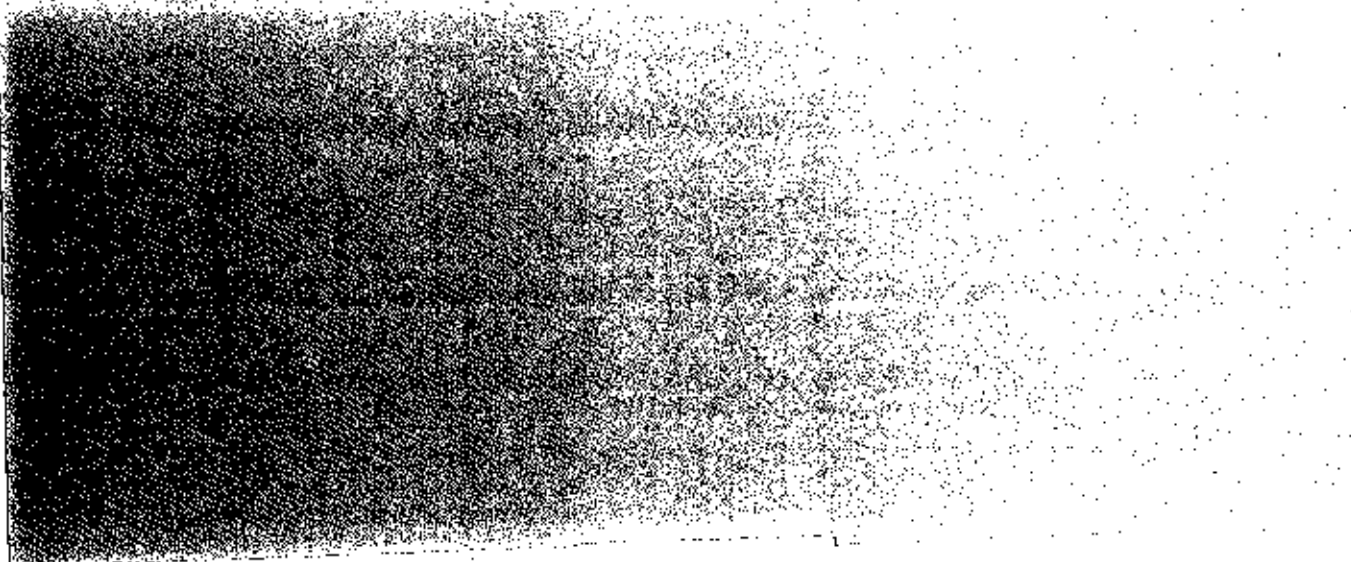
I would appeal to you to show some support for the small shopkeeper by your actions and not false promises.

I challenge you to spend an hour in a selection of small shops throughout the country and witness the feeling and views at first hand from customers and retailers alike.

If you agree to do the above, I would be very confident that you would have a change of heart and make the correct decision to shelve these plans for a very long time therefore rewarding the law abiding retailers who police the sale of tobacco very successfully.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
(Proprietor)



Dear,

Jeremy Hunt MP

Please note this is a formal response to the Plain Pack Consultation.

There are many issues against plain packs. Here are a couple that affect me;

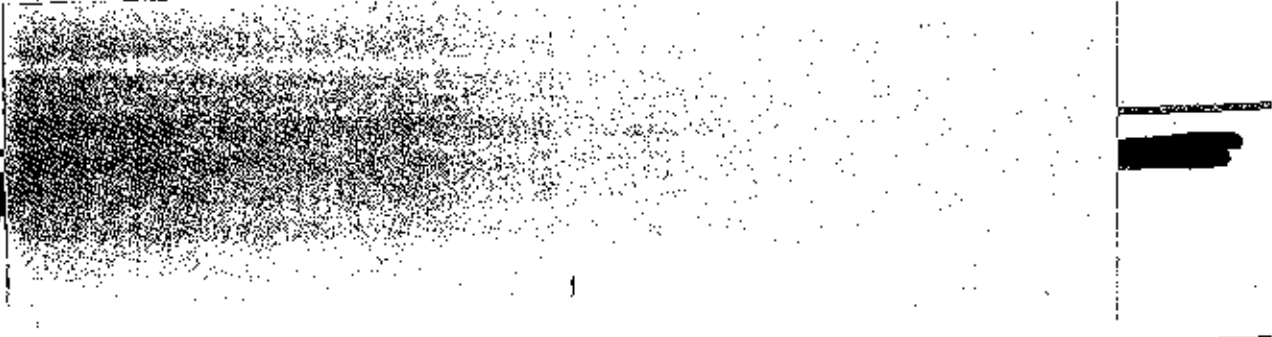
- 1- Security. It will me longer time to find Cigarettes.

- 2- Sales - Sales will go down, because of counterfeits. Profits will also go down as customer will move to cheaper brands. Brands will look the same.

There are many more reasons that will affect the business.

Please thoroughly consider how this will affect me and many others like me.

Yours Sincerely



Dear Jeremy Hunt MP.

I am writing this letter in response
to the consultation on plain packaging.

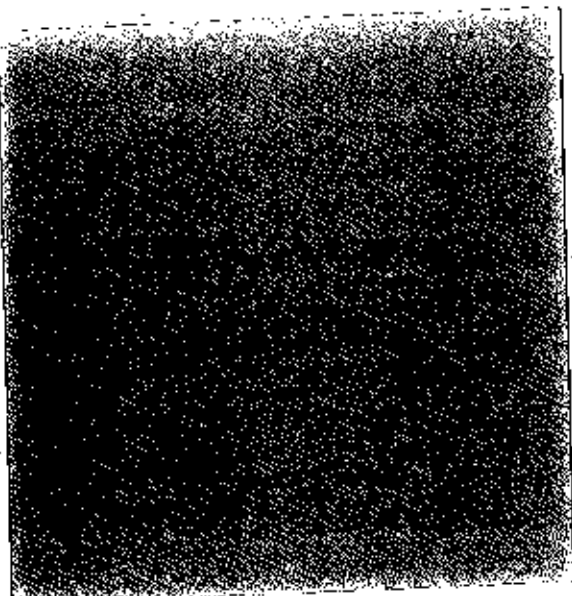
I feel this is even more of a burden
on all retailers as we have not
even had the display ban to come in
affect and the government want to
impose even more restrictions.

You, the government should support small
shops but instead are creating more
burden for us small shops.

The government is wrong to state that the
retailer will benefit from a decrease
in transaction times when saying that
plain packaging is unnecessary and I believe
it won't work. So it shouldn't be introduced.

It is causing me stress and headache and
financial costs too.

Many thanks



Dear Mr. Jeremy Hunt MP

Sub: Proposed new legislation for plain pack of Cigarettes in U.K.

I under signed [redacted] take this liberty to request you to look in to negative impact by introducing the plain pack in our country.

1. This will facilitate to counterfeit and grey marketers to copy those packaging and smuggle in to the country and our government, cigarettes company, distributor, wholesalers and retailers like us will be penalise directly or indirectly.
2. Plain packaging will create more confusion and more problems in distribution and till end use i.e. consumers.
3. It is been well proven in Australia where 28 % sales of tobacco products increased after introduction of plain packaging where actual government received decreased revenue due to parallel traders.

Therefore we kindly request you to rethink or discuss on this issue for mutual benefit for all the parties.

Thanking you in advance for your kind consideration.

Sincerely



LONDIS



Dear Jeremy Hunt MP

This is a retailer's formal consultation response.

I have run my convenience store for 28 years this year, and in that time I have experienced many changes in legislation especially in cigarettes and also the huge increase in costs all of which have put more strain on me and my business.

In April 2015 I will have to adapt my cigarette gantry to comply, this has to be paid for from the "profit" from cigarette sales which isn't much!

Now it is proposed to make cigarette packets plain, there are many reasons that this will have a detrimental impact on my business:

The new rules on keeping cigarettes covered, stipulate a limited time they can be visible for, and if every packet looks the same it is going to take more time to locate the customer's choice, possibly going over the time limit and it will mean a sale taking longer and other customers possibly leaving without their purchases because they cannot wait, so more loss of trade for the poor old retailer.

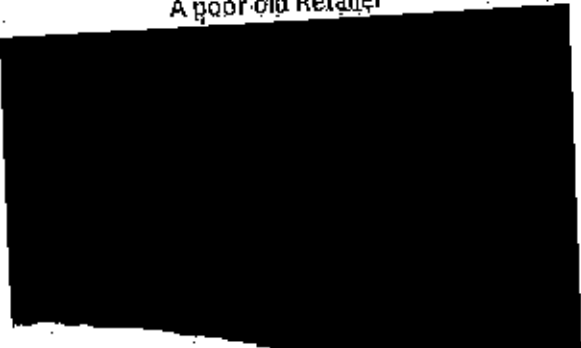
Non English speaking customers who up to now have been able to select their brand of cigarettes by the colours on the packets and what about the elderly.

What measures are to be used to stop counterfeiting, which will be easier if packets are plain, an illegal activity which causes losses in sales not to mention the loss revenue to the government.

I would like to know how much data there is to back up this change in legislation more research needs to be done before rushing through this new legislation.


Kind regards,

A poor old Retailer



Dear Jeremy Hunt MP

I'm an independent retailer



I still don't understand and I never will the rationale behind the plain packaging plans.

As an independent retailer, I believe this letter won't make a big difference, but in my humble opinion plain packaging won't make things better.


We live in a free country and people should be able to choose what they want to do, it's been like that for decades.

I will lose business, because it will be easier to counterfeit packs of cigarettes, the Inland Revenue will lose big time as well and people will keep smoking.

It's easier to make decisions when people don't leave in real world, the real economy.

This is a retailer's formal consultation response.

Yours sincerely

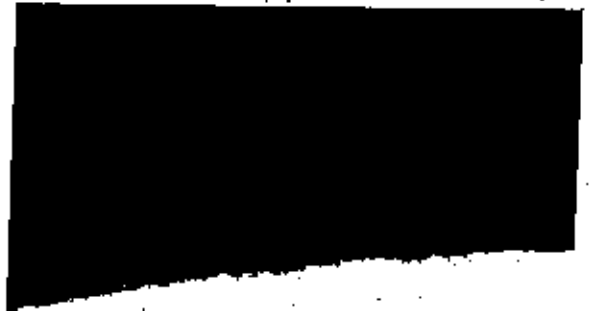


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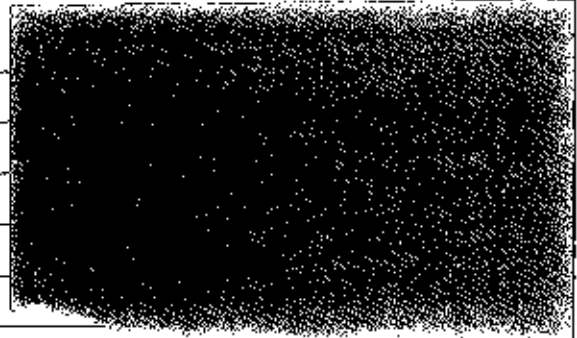


Plain colours will be confusing for our customers, because they are use to their own product and their own colours, and by changing the colours, they will be totally confused. And by this we can loose our sale as well.

THANK YOU



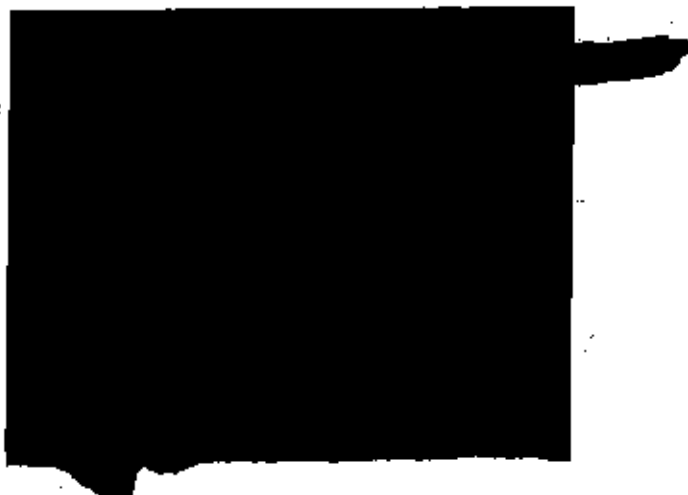
Dept of Health
State Farm
P.O. Box 1126
Canton, Mass
01913




Subj: change of packaging about
eggs.

Dear Sir/ma'am

I'm a Manager at Big Retail
store and I am in this
business last eight years,
we know that how important
of sales of eggs in retail
store, we normally sell
300 cases a week and do
more than 50 tons of eggs
so if you people thinking to
do some packaging of eggs
with small hand writing for
name it's gonna be hard
for the till staff to find products
from shelf and it will cost
me more time behind serving



I STRONGLY DISAGREE TO
PLAIN PACKS BECAUSE IT
WILL LET FAKE + NON DUTY PAID
PACKS INTO THE MARKET
MY CUSTOMERS WILL THEN BE
DOUBTING MY PRODUCTS



Dear Sir,


IF ~~PLANS~~ PACKS are introduced than my
Business will suffer greatly.

I strongly oppose to ~~PLANS~~ PACKS
in the uk

[REDACTED]


[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



PLAIN PACKAGING

I STRONGLY OPPOSE FOR THE PLAIN
PACKAGING BECAUSE PEOPLE WILL NOT BE
ABLE TO RECOGNISE BRANDS FROM EACH OTHER
AND WE WILL BE LOSING BUSINESS. PLEASE
DO NOT DO PLAIN PACKS FOR THIS REASON



DEAR SIR ,

PLEASE DO NOT HAVE PLAIN PACKS ON CIGARETTES
AS MY BUSINESS WILL BE AFFECTED DUE TO
FAKE PRODUCTS ON THE MARKET - ALSO MY
CUSTOMERS WILL NOT TRUST ME ON MY PRODUCTS
WHETHER THEY ARE REAL OR NOT -

THANKS



Dear Jeremy Hunt MP,

I am writing in response to the formal consultation on plain packaging for tobacco products. I have been a newsagent who sells tobacco products as well for the last 27 years.

From my point of view plain packaging has many drawbacks.

First of all the government and the retailers will lose revenue while the criminals profit.

Counterfeiting will be easier.

At the shop counter the transactions will take longer with our backs turned towards the customers for longer periods.

Finding the correct products will take more time and now at 60 plus years of age the eyesight is not as good as before.

I hope you take our views into account when making the decision on plain packaging.

Thanking you.

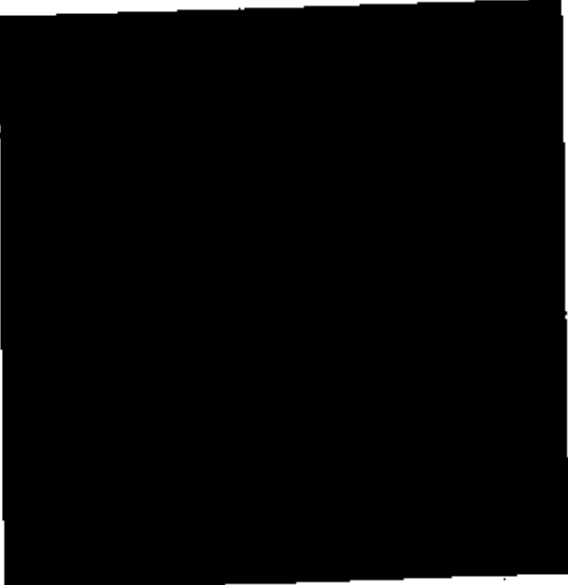
Yours sincerely


- E: PLAIN PACKAGING CONSULTATION

RE: JEREMY HUNT

I AM A RETAILER WHO DOES NOT WANT
PLAIN PACKAGING DUE TO THE COUNTERFEIT AND NON OUTH
TAID TOBACCO THAT IS SOLD IN MY AREA. THIS AFFECTS MY
TRADE, AND BRINGING OUT THIS NEW LAW WILL ONLY
MAKE MATTERS WORSE. PLEASE WILL YOU LISTEN TO ALL
AS INDEPENDANT RETAILERS, WE ONLY WANT TO MAKE
A HONEST LIVING.

THANK YOU.



Dear Jeremy Hunt MP,

FORMAL CONSULTATION RESPONSE.

Despite already planning to introduce the display ban in April 2015, the government want to impose even more restrictions to further affect local business.

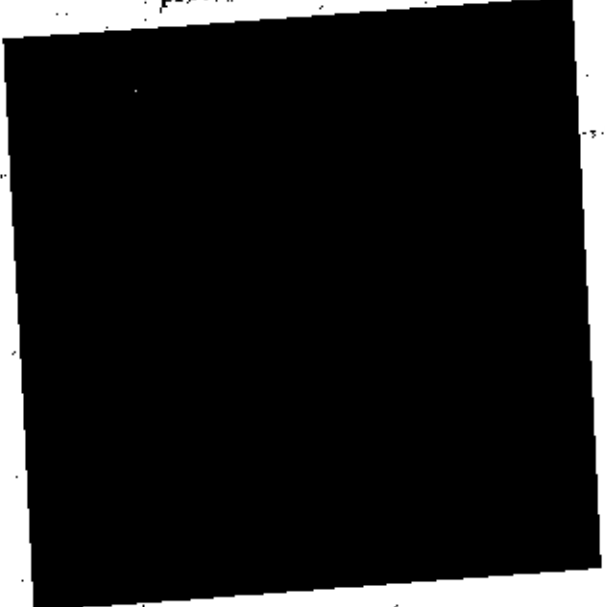
Removing brands on tobacco products will make it easier to counterfeit and undermine retailer's legitimate trade.

Evidence from Australia where plain packing has been in place since 1 December 2012. Recent data shows that 59 millions more cigarettes were sold in Australia during the first year of plain packing of the tobacco products.

Australian association of convenience stores said that plain packaging has not reduced cigarette sales.

The KPMG research found that sales of illegal cigarettes has reached record levels, now accounting almost 14 % of the market.

I strongly believe that the government should not go ahead with plain packing of tobacco products.



29th July 2014

Mr Jeremy Hunt MP

Dear Sir

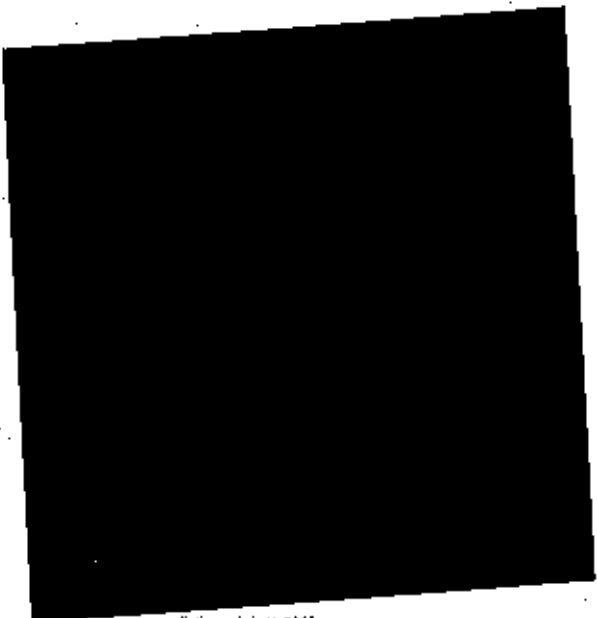
I am a convenience store retailer with the Londis Group, generally known as Mugrave Retail Partners for over 27 years and during that time, 21 years as a Sub-postmaster. I have served the community at the address as above and have seen many changes with regard to the sale of tobacco products.

I write to inform you that I am against the proposals of plain packaging and all other ideas with regard to the sale of tobacco products. I suggest this as I can foresee that there will be an increase in the sale of illicit tobacco and that will have a detrimental effect to the revenue to Her Majesty's Government with regard to the loss of income from relevant taxes. Furthermore, I do believe that crime will increase not only from the elder generation, but amongst the young population.

Please note my above comments as it remains a retailer's formal consultation response.

Yours Faithfully


Director



Dear Jeremy Hunt MP,

I am writing to you in order to display my strong opposition to new government legislation that will see all cigarette packaging revert to plain white, in response to formal consultations undergone in previous months.

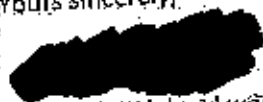
Our business survives on a day to day basis by retailing high volumes of low margin stock. Cigarette sales have remained a constant source of income for us, ever since taking over the business just over six years ago. I feel the new legislation regarding the packaging of tobacco products will drastically reduce overall profits and infringe upon cash flow in a severely detrimental manner. We were very fortunate to come through the recent recession and have worked incredibly hard to get into a solid position to move the business forward once more. This new legislation will throw many businesses like us back into potential trouble financially which could have catastrophic knock-on effects for the families supported by them. Great emphasis was put on "kick-starting the economy" after this difficult financial period by the government, yet this new legislation shows to everyone that there was no long term commitment to backing it up - yet another embarrassing government "U-turn".

In particular in our business, we are lucky enough to interact with a very multi-cultural customer base. Many of these people do not speak English as a first language or what could be deemed as fluently. The way these loyal customers differentiate between certain brands and products varies, but on the whole it is done by packaging colour and design as it is a universal means of communication. By taking this option away from them, you are directly penalising both the customer and the retailer which will only result in a loss of turnover.

Time and again, small business owners are subjected to changes in government policy and laws; such is life. Most of these changes I believe to be necessary and agree with to a certain extent. This new legislation though, is quite frankly farcical. Using my experience working within this industry for the past thirty five years, I see it having no positive effect whatsoever. The only possible outcome is a loss in business and more hardship for hard working people such as myself.

I strongly urge you to reconsider these ludicrous changes to legislation. It would be another case of government incompetence alienating yet more hard working members of an already disillusioned and at times disgusted electorate. Never before has a government come under such scrutiny as in recent years with the expenses scandal and questionable wars springing immediately to mind. To respond by doing this can only lead to irreversibly poor conclusions for millions of people and is irrefutable evidence of further idiocy running through Westminster.

Yours sincerely,



An infuriated, hard working retailer.

Dear Jeremy Hunt MP:

This is a formal consultation response.

I am a retailer who sells tobacco and am in opposition to the planned standardised plain packaging for many reasons.

It will fuel the black market of counterfeit tobacco. The illicit trade in smuggled tobacco already causes a deficit of £8.5 million to the Government every day and will only get worse. This is also very damaging to already struggling legitimate businesses.

There is no evidence to show that standardising the packing will have any health benefits on the public. Arguments that this is the case are based on pure speculation and zero fact.

Plain packaging will make no difference to underage smoking. The public do not smoke because of a brightly coloured packet, they do so because they can and / or enjoy it.

The tobacco ban has not even been fully implemented yet and more restrictions are being put in place. Furthermore, all packs will soon be covered up by the display ban - therefore, plain packaging seems rather redundant.

Plain packaging will not deter people from smoking. The public smoke according to their personal taste, requirements and desire - Standardised packaging will make it harder for customers to recognise the brands and increase serving time, which will be detrimental to both businesses and customers, as they become irritated.

With so many different brands existing in the tobacco market, standardised packaging will make it harder for business owners to differentiate between the brands, and therefore (when serving) will result in their backs being turned away from the rest of the premises for even longer.

Regards,





Dear Jeremy Hunt,

This is a formal consultation response.

As one of our constituents, I am writing this letter to express my opposition to the proposal of plain (standardised) packaged tobacco products. Alongside myself, this proposal creates concern for other Newsagents owners as well as further problems within society as you attempt to solve the problem of underage smoking.


- The fact that smoking rates still remain at an increasing level considering the implementation of picture packaging in September 2012 in order to deter smokers suggests the lack of influence packaging has on smoking rates.

- Furthermore through such a proposal, there would be an increased risk of theft, organised crimes and assaults on Newsagents like ourselves. With more effort being put into searching for cigarettes under customers' requests (given plain packaging), we increase the opportunity of the above crimes and reduce our customer satisfaction as customers become impatient and agitated.

- Through the implementation of standardised packaging on tobacco, there would be a lower barrier for counterfeit products to be manufactured and imported into the UK. Hence further Black Markets issues.

Although your intentions are for the benefit of this society, and as much as we respect and promote your decisions towards this matter, we believe the above proposal would create more problems for Family-Owned Businesses and Newsagents than its ability to solve the problem of smoking (especially underage smoking). We hope this letter helps you understand our consequences to your actions.

Regards



[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Mr Kenneth Clarke / JEREMY HUNT
House of Commons
London
SW1A 0AA

17th January 2014

Dear Mr Clarke, / MAX HUNT

I feel forced to write to you to highlight my concern regarding the prospect of plain packaging on cigarettes being introduced in the UK. As someone who has run a convenience store for 25 years and who engages on a daily basis with smokers I find the whole idea quite offensive. It appears to me that certain members of the Government/health lobby are totally out of touch with the public.

A policy like plain packaging would have obvious consequences that could be detrimental to both retailers like me, the public and also the Government. In my opinion we would see the following:

- A massive increase in the trade of illicit cigarettes.
- A loss of tax revenue in a time when HMRC needs every penny.
- Small retailers laying people off and in extreme cases closing down.
Please note, two of my neighbouring retailers have recently ceased trading.
- A large future burden on the NHS because of the effects of people smoking counterfeit cigarettes that are made of rat poison, asbestos or some other poison.
- Criminals making huge profits.
- The Government having to pay billions of pounds compensation to the tobacco companies.

I fully understand the need to tackle smoking, however in the same way that alcohol abuse and obesity are massive public health issues we need to ensure that we educate people especially children. The worse thing we could do is to force the habit "underground".

I know you're a very busy man but I would be interested in understanding your position on the topic.

Yours sincerely
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Dear Jeremy Hunt MP

PROPOSED PLAIN PACKAGING OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS

The proposed change to tobacco products that your government is proposing is absolutely ridiculous.

As seems to be the norm, independent local retailers are to suffer.

The following points are main concerns for me

- More restrictions after the hassle of covering gantries
- The warnings on packets already cover 65% of pack
- Where is the government support to local retailers?
- Finding correct brand will become 'a task' for staff
- No supportive findings from Australian legislation
- Illicit trade will increase, funding criminals/terrorists/sweat shop factories etc

I would like to strongly object to the government proposal on this issue and hopefully you will see sense

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Dear Jeremy Hunt MP

As an Independent Retailer I would like to intimate my objection to the Governments proposed Plain Packaging of Tobacco Products.

We have as a trade been subjected to numerous changes within the tobacco category over past few years and like all my colleagues within trade we have adhered to those changes and have certainly seen our business suffer.

This new proposal is just another piece of legislation that will ensure that the independent trade suffer with the large multi-store companies gaining yet again from government support.

Plain packaging will increase the illicit trade that is without question.

In summary I as an independent retailer strongly object to the introduction of plain packaging as it will have a detrimental effect on my business.

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[REDACTED]

31st July 2014

Re: Proposed Plain Packaging of Tobacco Products

To whom it may concern,

As an independent retailer, I wish it to be known that I am totally against Tobacco Plain Packaging.

As of April 2015, we will no longer be able to display tobacco products, this in itself is going to cause considerable increases in serving times, without making it more difficult to locate the product by making them all look the same, thus making my business more vulnerable to theft.

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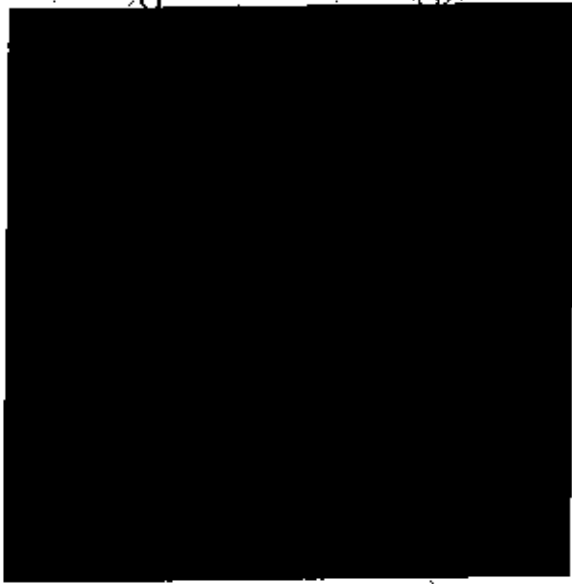
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I am against the implementation of plain packs for the following reasons.

With plain packs we will have much slower transaction times, and with our boxes turned to find the stock, there will be more opportunity for products from my shop to be stolen where my attention is diverted.

I am also concerned that by removing branding from cigarettes it will make it easier for criminals to counterfeit, and will lead to an increase in smuggled goods, and loss of trade for my business.

Yours Faithfully,



Dear Jeremy Hunt MP

This is a formal consultation response.

We and my family have been in the retail business for 37 years and have owned over 9 shops in this period. Our family has built a reputation in these years on running a strict business, this includes the sales of cigarettes to minors and have always realised the seriousness of this.

As a retailer this new legislation can only have a detrimental affect on business. Cigarettes make up a big portion of our turnover and also creates footfall which small businesses ~~rely~~ rely on, so this will affect our business tremendously.

We would also have to put extra money into training staff and again it would be another burden on us the retailer in a time that is getting more and more difficult.

People are well aware of the risks of smoking and these plain packs are totally unnecessary and will have no affect what so ever as proven in Australia.

Again this will have no effect on the consumer only the retailer, the Government is supposed to be helping small business but instead is making our lives more difficult. Small business provide services, create jobs and are very much needed in communities but these ~~unnecessary~~ unnecessary legislations are making it even more for us to survive.

I look forward to hearing a positive response from you.

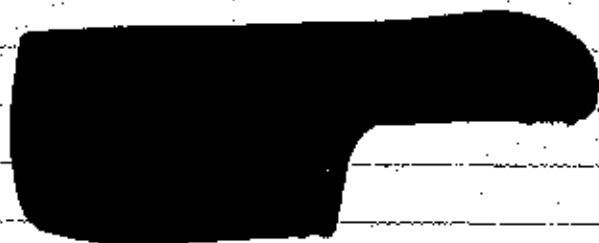
Respect

Dear Jeremy Hunt MP,

This is a formal consultation response from me, an independant retailer.

I am completely against the idea of tobacco products in plain packaging because I believe this will affect sales massively due to increased illicit trade. If less people visit my store to buy tobacco products this will also affect footfall sales of other products meaning less profit. The industry is hard enough without added restrictions.

Plain packaging is an un-necessary piece of legislation as health warnings will increase to 65% of the pack under the EU Tobacco Products Directive.



[REDACTED]
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Dept of Health
7th Floor
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31 July 2014

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Criminals do not care about age, those that deal in illicit tobacco are responsible for supplying to those who are under age.

It is in BOTH of our interests to eliminate illicit trade. If I sell more legitimate tobacco the government earns more in tax!

Kind regards,
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Thank you for reading this letter

[REDACTED]

Plain Packaging Consultation

Response

28.7.14

I am very much against this policy.
Apart from the very obvious impact on
my business, the policy will become
a blueprint for the smugglers charter.
Packaging will become much easier to
copy. The tobacco market will become
even more deregulated than it is now,
when I first started trading 21 years
ago, there were no less than 8 other
convenience stores trading within an
8 mile radius, now, there are only 1
plus two other shops. If we disappear,
then who is there to regulate under age
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[REDACTED]

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The Retailers Formal Consultation Response

Dear Honorable Jeremy Hunt MP,

I have been informed that there are plans to enforce Legislation for standardised packaging on tobacco & cigarettes. I understand around 200000 children start smoking every year in the UK according to British Lung Foundation. Children start smoking because of attraction and want look adult. It's a visual image from the brain want to look adult. Not attraction by packaging. They also start smoking because of irresponsible parents and society. We must enforce standardised social structure and tougher laws to prevent children from buying and smoking. A dedicated team who only ensures the prevention of children obtaining cigarettes from the shops would be a better solution. Even further more how about the personal moral responsibility from the shopkeepers and the society locally and nation wide. Increase awareness of harm of smoking amongst children through schools also would help to tackle this problem. Packaging never would make a difference in the numbers of smokers. If we are really looking for cure rather than a solution then I would suggest a ban on manufacturers of tobacco and a ban on smoking. Our economy structure is not capable of surviving by loosing £12 billion per year revenue. Instead, introducing a legislation to ban Nicotine and a cocktail of 4000 chemicals added in the tobacco which cause the addiction and the cancer, would help the economy, NHS and the 100000 preventable deaths a year and Smokers enjoy a healthy smoke, economy thrives and more revenue for the government. I also feel that democracy failed yet again by telling me not to show loyalty. We show loyalty to brands, names, schools, businesses, products and endless list goes on. So how is it fair for anyone to show loyalty to a particular political party? By Standardise we achieve nothing but penalising few tobacco company and economy. I hope this will change your view on standardised packaging. Thank you for your patience and taking your invaluable time to read this letter.

Yours truly,
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

30/07/2014

SPAR



Jeremy Hunt

[Redacted]
[Redacted]
[Redacted]
Tel: [Redacted]
Fax: [Redacted]

Email: [Redacted]

July 2014

Dear Jeremy

Plan Packages on Cigarettes will have
A Terrible Financial Impact on our Store

Easier to be Competitors.

Take longer for Staff to Serve.

Confusing for Customers.

Try help Small Businesses not Make
it More Difficult //

[Redacted]

[REDACTED]

23/7/14

Dear Jeremy Hunt M.P.

Re Plain Packaging Consultation Response

As a retailer in a working class environment not having packs of 10 cigarettes will put a burden on finance, many will buy cigarettes to smoke sooner than good for the table.

Most people here buy Economy cigarettes and Duty free from "Cigarette Houses" more and more people will look for cheaper cigarettes from the illegal ~~sources~~ sources as they will not look any different from legal ones.

This proposed change will not help small retailers like my self in these difficult times.

Yours in anticipation

[REDACTED]

30/7/14

STANDERS PACKAGING RESPONSE
DEAR MR HUNT MP

AS AN INDEPENDENT RETAILER THAT RELAYS
ON TOBACCO SALE, THERE ARE A FEW POINTS
I WOULD LIKE TO RAISE ABOUT PLAN PACKING

- ANOTHER BURDEN ON RETAILERS BEFORE DISPLAY
- BAN HAS COME IN TO EFFECT
- EX TRD WILL HAVE 65% OF THE PACK
WILL BE A HEALTH WARNING
- YOU WILL BE GIVING FREE LEAN TO COUNTERFEITERS
WHO WILL FURTHER MIXED WITH COUNTERFEIT PRODUCTS

THE GOVERNMENT IS MIGHTY TO BE SPENDING
SMALL SHOPS BUT INSTEAD TRYING TO IMPOSE
RED TAP ON THE BUSINESS

THANKS



30th JULY 2014

PLAIN PACKAGING CONSULTATION

DEAR MR S. HUNT MP

I FEEL PLAIN PACKAGING IS YET ANOTHER BURDEN ON RETAILERS. PLAIN PACKAGING IS AN UNNECESSARY ADDITIONAL PIECE OF REGULATION. CRIMINALS WILL FIND IT EASIER TO COUNTERFEIT PLAIN PACKS. CRIMINALS DO NOT WORRY ABOUT THE AGE OF THEIR CUSTOMER, WHILST RETAILERS LIKE MYSELF WORK VERY HARD TO ENSURE THAT TOBACCO IS NOT SOLD TO ANYONE UNDER 18.

YOURS SINCERELY



To whom it may concern,

I am writing to inform you about the sheer disappointment of the way the Government has is going abouts with the plain package campaign.

It may come to a surprise to most people but the packaging does very little to influence the market to purchase the tobacco. People who intend to purchase the tobacco will do so under any circumstances. The packaging will only have a direct impact on the government and retailers directly.

It will promote more illegal trade of tobacco with the much simpler packaging to copy. This will reduce retail sales and increase illegal activity.

I fully respect your intentions if you feel the police don't have any work to do so you feel the urgency to increase their workloads. But you are simply digging a deeper grave for yourselves and the local tax paying retailers.

I hope you come to the realisation of your errors sooner rather than later.

with deep regrets

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

I AM WRITING REGARDING THE CURRENT CONSULTATION FOR PLAIN PACKAGING OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS.

I AM AN INDEPENDENT RETAILER AND HAVE BEEN TRADING FOR 12 YEARS SO I AM EXPERIENCED IN THE TRADE. I BELIEVE THE LEGISLATION TO PLACE TOBACCO IN PLAIN PACKAGING WILL DAMAGE SALES WITHIN MY BUSINESS AND ALSO IMPACT HEAVILY ON SERVICE TIME TO CUSTOMERS. ON TOP OF THE RETAIL DISPLAY BAN, I STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT ILLEGAL TRADE WILL INCREASE, AS PEOPLE LOOK FOR CHEAPER/QUICKER/EASIER OPTIONS TO PURCHASE.

WE ARE SELLING A LEGAL PRODUCT, ONLY TO CUSTOMERS OF AGE, AND THAT ARE CHOOSING TO SMOKE. COVERTING OF AND REMOVAL OF BRANDING WILL NOT IMPACT ON THE CUSTOMER DECISIONS, BUT WILL IMPACT THE WAY I HAVE TO TRADE DAILY.

TIMES ARE HARD ENOUGH WITHOUT ANY FURTHER COMPLICATIONS THAT ARE IN MY, AND MANY OTHERS OPINION UNNECESSARY. I HOPE YOU SEE SENSE AND DO NOT CONTINUE WITH THE PROPOSED PLAIN PACKAGING LEGISLATION.

SINCERELY,

30th July 2014

PLAIN PACKAGING CONSULTATION RESPONSE

Dear Mr Hunt MP,

I am totally against the plain packaging scheme which I feel is going to affect my business and put a strain on my customers. It will only make it easier for criminals to counterfeit plain packaging and while shopkeepers myself work long hours to make an honest living. With the ban also taking place next year on displaying cigarettes it will hit my business sales. So I strongly suggest to the government to see some sense for this move.

Yours sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

Dept of Health
Packaged Packaging Coalition
PO Box 126
Canberra
CT 9015

31/02/19

I am writing this short note to air my concern over the proposed structural packaging.

I have highlighted why it will make a difference but not in this direction.

- Conversely I am a retailer who struggles with running my business - it's hard work.

- The legislation will only benefit larger stores who are not worried about making a profit - I need to !!

- It will mean non-utility moved and will increase sales of counter-top paper.

- Think about this !!

Yours sincerely

[Redacted signature]

Dear Mr. Hunt MP

Tobacco Response

Will going dark next year and introducing more legislation without seeing the effect of the dark shade plain packaging is another unnecessary piece of regulation. Also to hurt up heaven for retailers.

It will also make the illicit trade and fake products more common and undoubtedly do retailers that are trying to make a honest living

[REDACTED]

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DEPT OF HEALTH
STANDARDISED PACKAGING CONSULTATION
PO BOX 1126
CARTERSBURG
CTI 9WB

RE PLAIN PACKAGING CONSULTATION

I AM TOTALLY AGAINST THE
PROPOSITION OF PLAIN PACKAGING FOR
THE REASON BELOW

- COUNTERFEIT CIGARETTES SALES
WILL INCREASE

- MY CUSTOMERS WILL BE FRUSTRATED
WITH ALL THE CONFUSION

- IT HAVEN'T WORKED VERY WELL IN
AUSTRALIA

- SO WHY IN THE U.K?

YOUR Sincerely



30th August 2014.

TOBACCO PACKS CONSULTATION.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

7th FLOOR

WELLSINGTON HOUSE

133-135 WINDHOLLO ROAD

LONDON

SET 840

"STANDARDISED TOBACCO PACKAGING CONSULTATION 2014"

DEAR JESSIE, MP,

THIS IS A FORMAL RESPONSE TO THE ABOVE CONSULTATION.

I AM TOTALLY AGAINST THE PROPOSAL AS THIS WILL IN OUR MORE ISSUES TO MY SHOP AND WILL NOT DEGREE CUSTOMERS TO SHOP AS WE ARE SEEING IN AUSTRALIA.

PEOPLE CHOOSE TO SHOP REGARDLESS WHAT THE PACK LOOKS LIKE AND THE HEALTH WARNING HAS NOT MADE ANY DIFFERENCE WHATSOEVER. PUTTING SIGNS IN FRONT OF CIGARETTES WILL NOT MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE EITHER.

MY MAIN CONCERNS ARE THIS WILL TAKE ME / MY STAFF LONGER TO SERVE MY CUSTOMERS IF ALL PACKS LOOK THE SAME.

b) MY CUSTOMERS WILL BUY CHEAPER CIGARETTES (IF PLAIN PACKS) THIS MEANS LESS REVENUE AND LESS PROFIT.

c) ILEGAL TOBACCO IS ALREADY A MASSIVE CONCERN IN THE U.K. PLAIN PACKS WILL ENCOURAGE COUNTERFEIT. THEREFORE, LESS SALES FOR ME.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED SIGNATURE]

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to relay my concerns to you over the current Standardised Packaging Consultation.

We and my family own a number of retail premises in the local area and have traded for a long time as well as a great understanding of retail and retail legislation.

The current consultation to place all tobacco products into plain, standardised packs is going to have major implications to my business in a negative way. My main concern is if all packaging is the same, how we and my staff can continue to offer quick and reliable service to our customers. Locating the correct product would become very difficult and as such there may be occasions where custom is lost through waiting. The other fear with this is I will spend time with my back to customers whilst looking for the product, bringing security and safety in to the situation.

Another concern is that, as we are aware, the illicit sale of tobacco is already big business. By removing tobacco and putting in standard packs, you are playing into the hands of the people trading illegally as it will become easier to replicate the packaging for criminals.

I would also like to see evidence of the impact standardised packaging would have. From what I can see and have read in Trade Press, the move to plain packaging in Australia has not achieved the goals it set out to, and I can only imagine that the UK market would equally not benefit. Hence consider the above carefully and come to your senses by not falling through with this crazy idea.

Yours Sincerely

31st July 2014

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Date 30/7/14

Re:- OPPOSITION TO Plain Packaging ON CIGARETTE

DEAR SIR

I run a small convenience store in Tunwell Park (North London) and am writing to you regarding the plain packaging on cigarettes for which I understand there is going to be a consultation in parliament.

I am writing because I am really worried for my livelihood, as already our sales have plummeted since having to go dark on the display of cigarettes.

As it is now, we have to spend time looking for the brand by opening up small packets and this really had to remember where the pack brand is stored, this is also disadvantages as our books are bound and leads to shoplifting.

Although we have lost our sale, we are getting more concerned that plain packaging will ultimately get the smokers to turn to illegal trade and sellers in pubs and clubs where

There is no restrictions to who buys and
the bill will lead to lost revenue not only
for us but also the UK or ~~taxation~~ taxation
as well as VAT

Also I feel that by making it compulsory for
plain packaging, it represents a NANNY STATE
which is too much ~~for~~ the Adult Consumer
is increasingly treated as a CHILD who would
not be able to make an informed decision
for themselves, for example private packaging.
The pack can already read or see the
disturbing images and warning signs already
present on the packs, also the new European
direction, which will make the manufacturers to
cover 65% of the packs or will have to
design.

I am also not concerned regarding the
the shipping since the government is taking
care the pack are standardized, it will also
set a ~~prev~~ precedence for other products
such as alcohol and confectionery, I also
understand that confectionery is the next target.

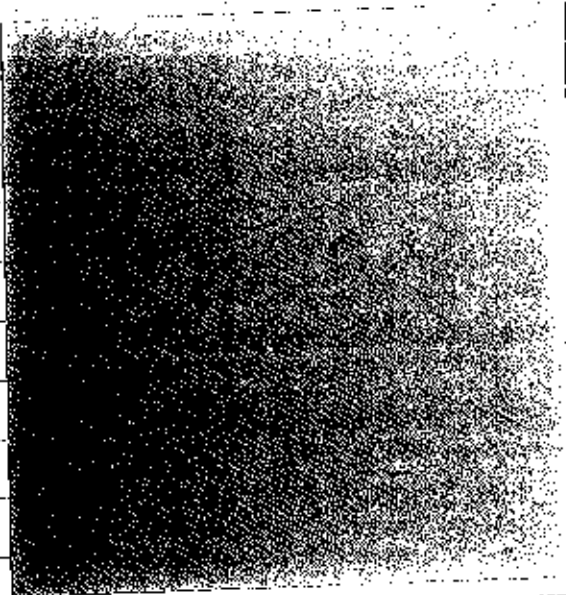
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to make up new rules without even trying
to save here for

It is also very easy for you politicians
to come up with these ideas, but have you
even fail to make in a retail food store,
see the range of products and of all lost the

Same, how do you actually identify the, not
anything is as educated as you lot, also
different colours and making an product actually
makes it for retailers to at a glance
glance know what the product is. They
then go to a supermarket and just see
the cat food range, these are all same and
see if you can get the flower just by looking at
all the time at the same time.

We also do not want the children to read
we feel that smoking should be a choice for the adult
and we have no objection to the home measures
you place upon us for present sales to
protect the children. The government really wants to
protect the children. The market it should seek
an just educate in schools and stop
illegal trade in certified trade which
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Thank you for taking time to read my letter
Yours Sincerely,

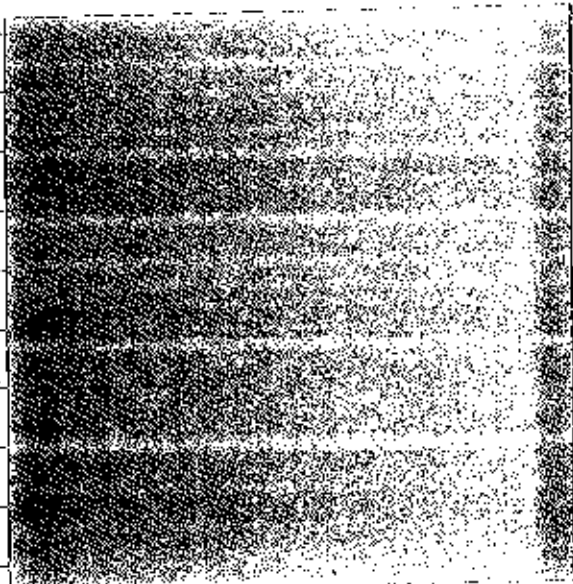


PLAIN PACKAGING CONSULTATION RESPONSE

DEAR MR HUNT MP.

I AM TOTALLY 100% AGAINST PLAIN PACKAGING WHICH WILL HAVE ANOTHER DAMAGING EFFECT ON THE INDEPENDANT TRADE. WITH TOBACCO GOING DARK FAIRLY SOON AND IT IS TOTALLY UNNESSARY AND WILL ONLY MAKE IZZECTAL TRADE MORE COMMON.

I HOPE THE GOVERNMENT FEELS SENCE INTO THIS TOTALLY UNWANTED MOVE



Plain Packaging Consultation Response.
Department of Health Standardised Packaging Consultation,
PO Box 1126,
Canterbury,
CT1 9NB.

Dear Jeremy Hunt,

We oppose the plain packaging of tobacco as it is a large percentage of our business. We are a small convenience store and rely heavily on this trade to loose it would be catastrophic for our business. We are very careful not to sell tobacco or any age related products to minors, all our staff are fully trained in this.

In our opinion plain packaging will not deter anyone from purchasing tobacco it will only make it more appealing particularly minors as they will see it as a challenge. Most children coming into our shop are more interested in sweets and toys and do not even notice the tobacco gantry. The plan to ban packs of less than 20 will take the price out of pocket money range so minors will not be able to afford them.

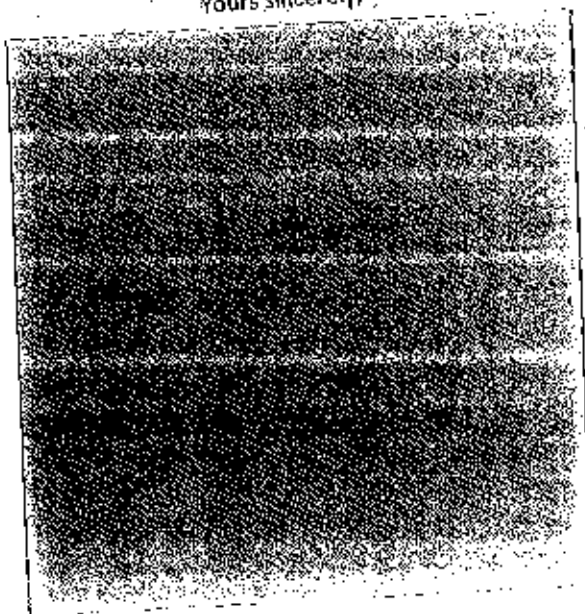
It is already bad enough having to put shutters on our tobacco without the unnecessary addition of plain packaging, which will take even more of our time, extra training for our staff and more expense to businesses to serve customers, we already work long enough hours, typically 12 hours a day without having to put in more because of this action.

To implement this action would simply drive tobacco underground and open the flood gates for even more illicit trade which is already accepted by the government as a large drain on revenue.

We make very little profit on tobacco which is already heavily taxed but we would just like to carry on selling LEGAL Tobacco to our adult customers.

We small shops need SUPPORT from the government not MORE RESTRICTIONS.

Yours sincerely,



Department Of Health Standardised Packaging Consultation
PO Box 1126
Canterbury
CT1 9NB

[REDACTED]

Plain Packaging Consultation Response

Dear Mr Hunt MP

I am writing to address my concerns regarding the proposal of plain packaging on tobacco products.

Working in the convenience sector is very demanding and difficult, without our taxes being used to fund such ridiculous ideas which in my opinion are not sustainable on a working platform.

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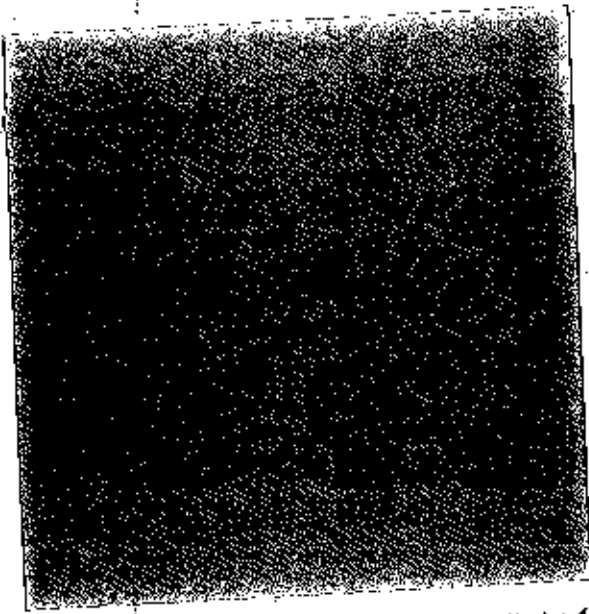
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Yours Sincerely

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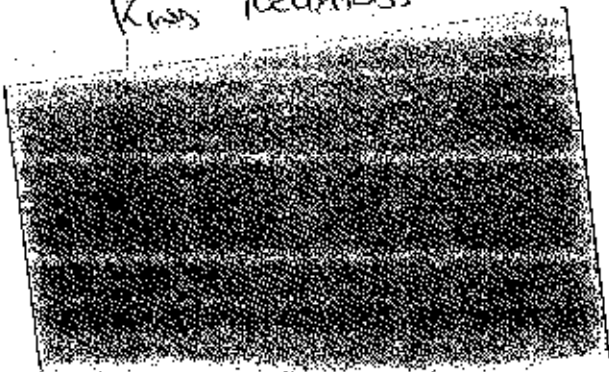
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KINDS REGARDS





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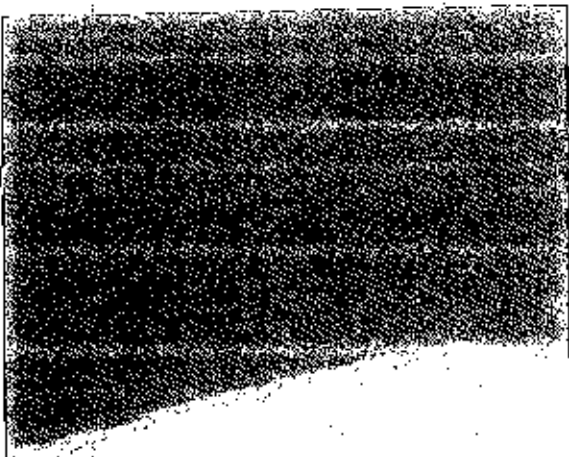
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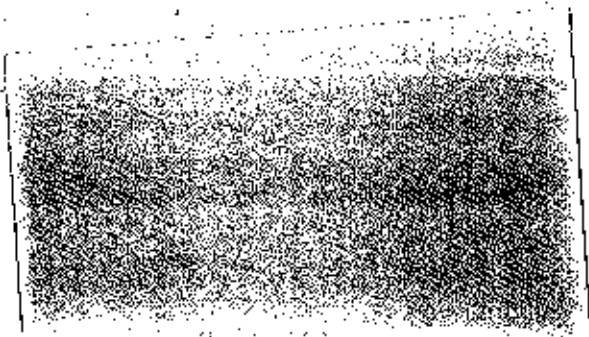
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please do not go through with

this

Yours sincerely





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Dept of Health
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31 July 2014

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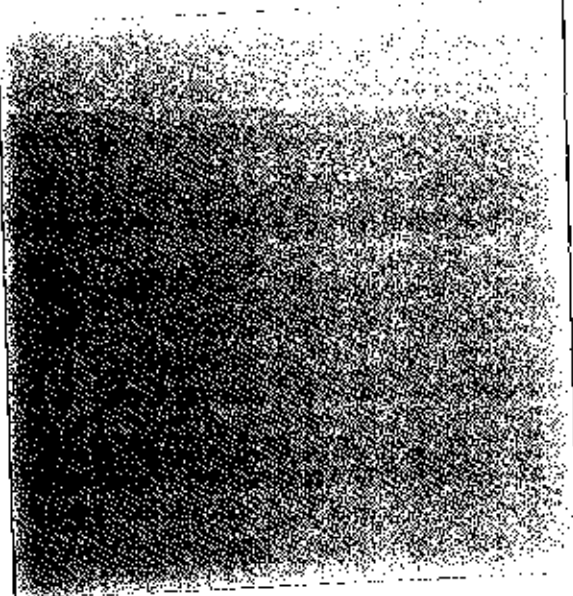

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Criminals do not care about age, those that deal in illicit tobacco are responsible for supplying to those who are under age.

It is in BOTH of our interests to eliminate illicit trade. If I sell more legitimate tobacco the government earns more in tax!

Kind regards,





23/7/14

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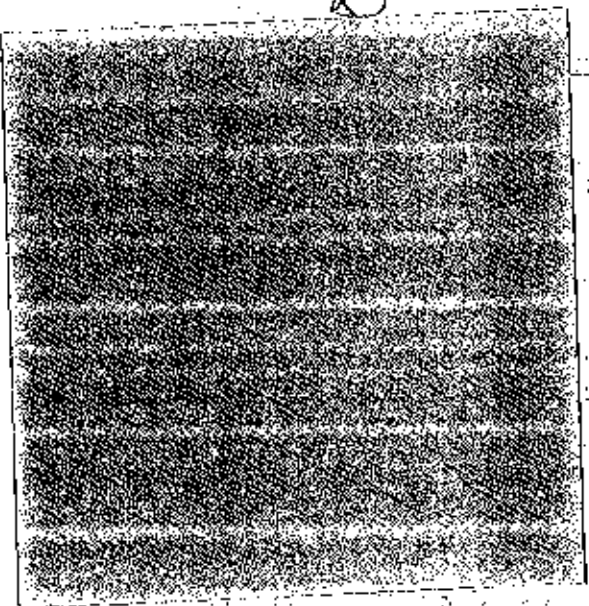
Dear Jeremy Hunt,

As a small retailer I am opposed to the plain packaging that is being proposed. There are already enough demands being put on our business and this will result in even more training for our staff.

As tobacco is a large part of our business, I feel you are encouraging consumers to buy from illegal sources where there is no regulation.

The fact you are also reducing the number of packings will not help us at all.


Yours Sincerely
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DEAR SERGEY HUNT,

IN RELATION TO STANDARDISED TOBACCO
PACKAGING, I AM OPPOSED TO THIS COMING
TO FRUITION AS IT WILL FUEL THE BLACK
MARKET, FRUSTRATE MY CUSTOMERS, ADD MORE
RESTRICTION TO THE SALE OF TOBACCO
PRODUCTS. IT WILL ALSO HAVE A
DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON MY BUSINESS
AND FAMILY.

YOURS SINCERELY



Dear Sir,

For object to plain
packaging due to the possible &
likely increase in "Black market"
Sales of Tobacco products that
already exist.

The possibility of the public
Smoking unknown Brands / Flavours
not comfortable to themselves
ie Strength / Flavours unknown -
Black market increasing / Online
increases as now created by the
charges!

24 July 2014



Dear Jeremy Hunt MP"

RE: CONSULTATION ON STANDARDISED PACKAGING OF
TOBACCO PRODUCTS.

The reason I am writing this letter is to object against the Government's decision about considering to change Tobacco products to plain packaging.

I and my family have been in the retail industry for over 40 years and we think it is an unnecessary additional piece of regulation.

Our current work load is set on a daily basis and all the new change and the cost of training staff will only increase if plain packaging is introduced which is a waste of money and time.

If the change goes ahead it would be easier for the black market to counterfeit and undermine a retailer's legitimate trade.

By looking at the statistics from Australia since the change 67% of retailers say that growth of the black market has had an impact.

Dear,

Jeremy Hunt,

This is a formal Constellation

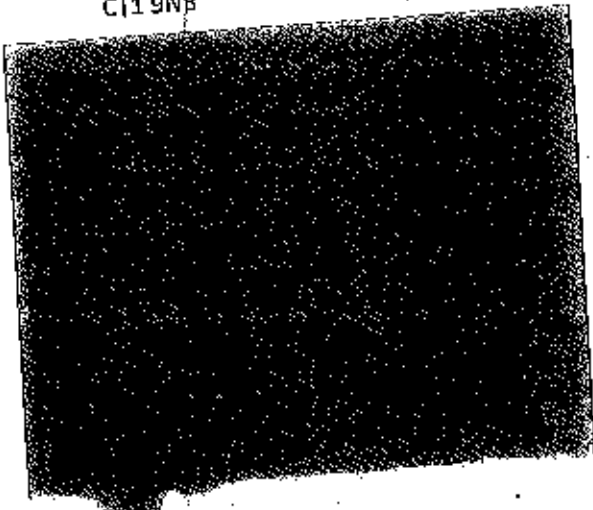
Response

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on my business due to an increase
in illicit trade.

likely to downgrade people are more
leading to lower
margins for retailers

Yours Sincerely

Dept of Health,
Standardised packaging consultation
PO Box 1126
Canterbury
CT1 9NB



To whom it may concern,

From the recent event s regarding plain packaging consultation I am writing to voice my opinion why I believe it is not a very well thought out idea.

I agree that packs should not be glamorous to encourage kids to take up smoking; this is about education in the home not in the store. Parents should advise their own kids at home about the perils of taking up smoking.

Furthermore I feel the black market trade may increase, non-UK duty paid and illicit whites will see an increase.

I think more can be done in researching the pros and cons before any decision is made by the UK government.


Yours sincerely

31st July 2014

Tobacco packs consultation

Department of health

7th floor

Wellington road

London

SE1 8UG

Dear sir

As a small retailer I am concerned what impact standardised packaging will have on the day to day running of my shop. We agree that the increasing of the age from 16 to 18 was a positive move helping us distinguish better our younger aged customers.

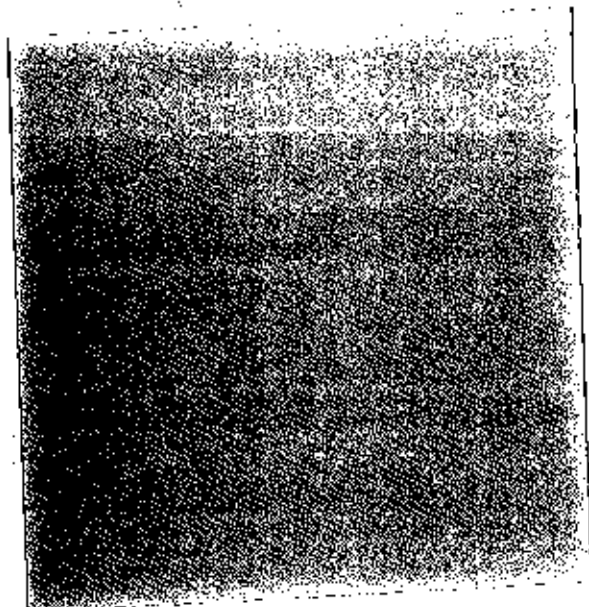
I feel the introduction of plain packaging will just mean a harder working environment for both the customer and the shop keeper, for example if a customer wants a particular cigarette brand he or she will have the shop keeper hold the sliding cover doors open for longer so they can make there choice.

Yours sincerely

[Redacted signature]

[Redacted name] post office

Jeremy Hunt MP
Tobacco Packs Consultation
Dept of Health
London SE1 7UG



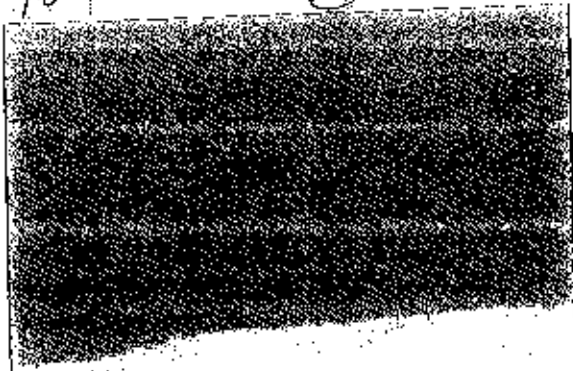
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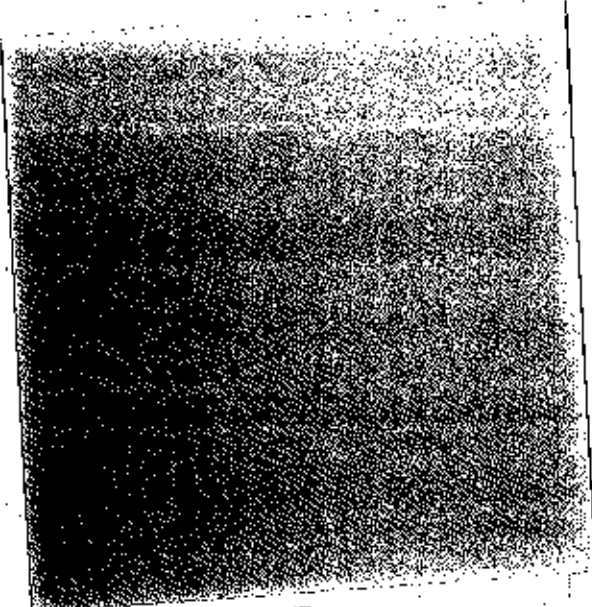
With regard to the plain packaging consultation we believe this will be another burden on our business.

The introduction of plain packs will have far-reaching consequences for us, such as reductions in footfall due to ill-kept tobacco trading stores which would lead to a reduction in revenue for our business and lower margins if all packs look the same.

The government ^{is supposed to be} supporting our business however they are just trying to impose more Red Tape.

Yours Sincerely,





DEAR JEREMY HUNT MP

THIS IS A FORMAL CONSULTATION RESPONSE TO THE PLAIN PACKAGING OF CIGARETTES.

THE PROPOSED PLAIN PACKAGING OF CIGARETTES AND TOBACCO COMBINED WITH THE ALREADY INTRODUCED SLIDING DOORS ON THE CIGARETTE GANTRIES IS GOING TO HAVE A DETREMENTAL AFFECT ON OUR CORE BUSINESS.

IT IS GOING TO TAKE LONGER TO SERVE CUSTOMERS AS WE ARE GOING TO MAKE SURE CUSTOMER HAS BEEN GIVEN WHAT THEY ASKED FOR , BECAUSE ALL CIGARETTES ARE GOING TO LOOK THE SAME AND IF WE ARE OUT OF THAT PARTICULAR BRAND HE WONT KNOW FOR SURE WHAT BRANDS WE HAVE IN STOCK THUS CREATING MORE DELAY , WITH THE LIKELYHOOD OF THE CUSTOMER GETTING ANGRY OR LEAVING THE SHOP WITHOUT BUYING ANYTHING.

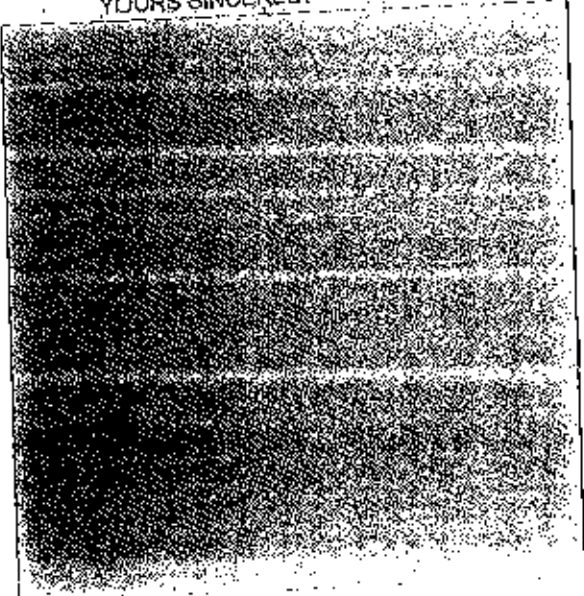
IT IS ALSO GOING TO MAKE IT A LOT EASIER FOR THOSE WHO SELL COUNTERFEIT CIGARETTES , AND THIS IS A PROBLEM IN OUR AREA , BECAUSE PLAIN PACKS ARE GOING TO MORE EASILY MADE.


I DO THINK THAT NOT MUCH THOUGHT HAS GONE INTO THIS HAIRBRAINED PROPOSAL. WE KNOW ALL ABOUT THE EFFECTS SMOKERS HAVE ON THE NHS , BUT WE TEND TO FORGET HOW MUCH MONEY THEY GENERATE FOR THE GOVERNMENT. AS WE ALREADY PAY TO MUCH IN TAX WE ARE ALL GOING TO HAVE TO PAY MORE IF RENVENUES FROM TOBACCO SALES DECREASE.

WHY DONT WE GO THE WHOLE HOG AND GET PLAIN PACKAGING ON OTHER HARMFUL PRODUCTS LIKE ALCOHOL , CHOCOLATE , SUGAR , SALT AND FIZZY DRINKS. THE COMPANIES SELLING CIGARETTES AND TOBACCO ARE SELLING A LEGITIMATE PRODUCT SO WHY SHOULD THEY BE THE ONES SINGLED OUT TO HAVE TO CHANGE THEIR PACKAGING.

I LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR REPLY

YOURS SINCERELY





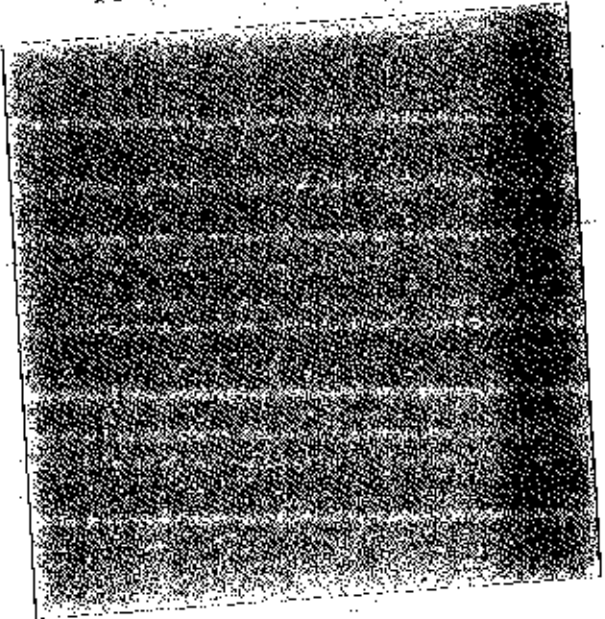
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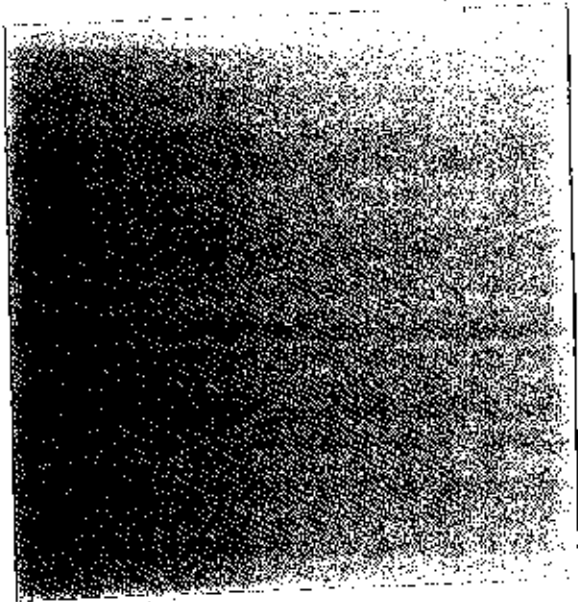
Dear Jeremy Hunt MP

I am making a formal consultation response to plain packaging for cigarettes. I strongly disagree with this proposal and think that it will have a negative effect on my business. I have been a retailer for over 15 years and have seen many changes come and go but these new ones are going to place a huge strain on my business. Having cigarettes covered from public view is going to be bad enough but plain packaging brings all kinds of problems with it. The time it will take for staff to find a product will be increased making the time it takes to serve a customer increase. This also means that the staff will be spending more time with their backs turned looking for cigarettes, making it easier for shoplifters to take advantage of their distraction. People who don't smoke will resent the time it takes to make their purchase and go elsewhere. Keeping checks on stock will also take longer and mistakes will obviously be made if everything looks the same so it is going to cost me money to rectify these mistakes. The problem of counterfeiting also gets worse as it will be easier to reproduce plain packaging, this will take away more sales as these cheap cigarettes flood the market.

I seriously hope that you reconsider this proposal.

Yours sincerely





Dear Jeremy Hunt MP

I am writing this formal letter in response to the consultation to plain packaging.

The reason for this letter is I believe that plain packaging will have a negative effect on this business due for several reason.

1. It will lead to a reduction in footfall, caused by counterfeit packs becoming easier to produce
2. Longer transaction times, caused by all packet looking the same/similar

Thank you for your time reading this

Regards



Store Manager

Department of health standardised packaging consultation

po box 1126

Canterbury

c17 9nb

Plain packaging consultation response


To

Sir Jeremy Hunt

I am writing to you regarding the new plain packaging on cigarettes i believe that this would not be a good thing whatsoever firstly because of illegal cigarettes flooding our streets and neighbourhoods costing the goverment billions more in lost revenue as plain packaging would be easler to copy for these fraudsters, i live in an area that has a lot of fake cigarettes and duty free cigarettes circulating at any one time i think plain packaging will increase this illegal market and make it grow which will destroy the goverments control over the cigarette market. The illegal cigarette sales are not monifored like shops are which is safer as we have age restrictions which have to be met.

Secondly it will make my life a lot harder as a shop keeper as to searching through the gantry to find the right cigarettes for a customer.

thankyou for your time



Tobacco parks consultation

Department of health

7th floor

Wellington house

133-155 Waterloo road

London SE1 1UG

22 July 2014

To whom it may concern,

I am an independent [redacted] retailer

[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]


Once again I find it incredible that both the UK and Scottish governments can blindly propose ludicrous, badly thought unsubstantiated proposals to introduce tobacco plain packaging. Not only is this a badly flawed plan that will affect my business but it is playing into the hands of bootleggers who pay no tax whatsoever.

The independent retail trade do not lightly undertake any sale to underage children who I am sure get their cigarettes from the black market mentioned earlier.

Please note, there is no profit in selling cigarettes as you have taxed them to the hilt. All we want is the ability to sell a legal product to our eligible customers.

Yours sincerely

[redacted]




Dear Jeremy Hunt MP,

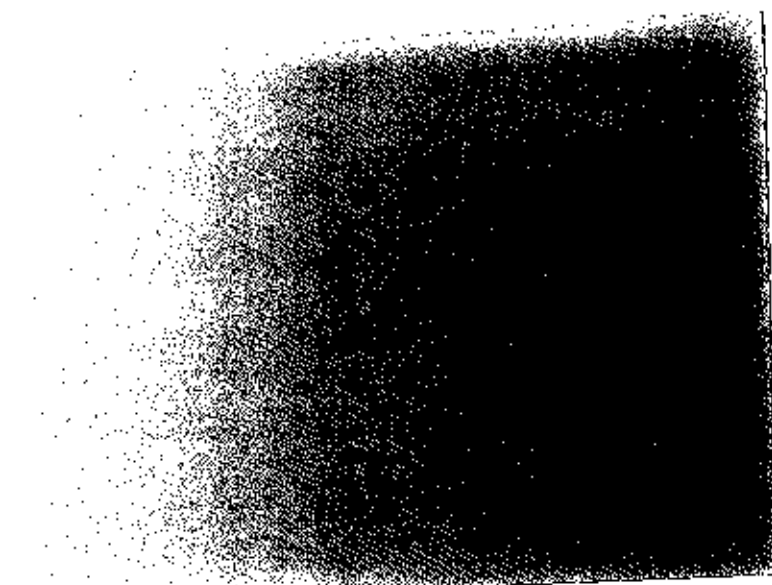
I am an independent retailer and I am writing to express my concern into the proposal of plain packaging. I am totally against this proposal for the following reasons:

- The EU has already introduced pack size reduction so the minimum available to buy will be 20 cigarettes and 30g rolling tobacco.
- April 6th 2015 the RDB becomes active and therefore all the tobacco products will be covered for the general public to see so why the need to also convert the packaging to plain packets?
- Another EU regulation states that 65% of the packaging will need to be covered with health warnings.
- The cost of training staff with all the new procedures is costly that is without the addition of plain packaging on top of this.
- More people will turn to the black market which is already a daily battle we as retailers face without the help of the Government to make it easier for criminals.
- We pay taxes and the counterfeit market does not.

I am totally against the proposal for plain packaging.

Regards





31 July 2014

Dear Jeremy Hunt MP,

RE: Retailers Formal Consultation Response to Plain Packaging

I am retailer in the independent retailer sector. I wish to lodge my formal consultation response against plain packaging for the following reasons.

Plain packaging is yet another burden on retailers; the display ban has not even come in for small shops and the Government want to impose even more restrictions. The EU Tobacco Products Directive comes into effect in May 2016; this will ban packs of cigarettes of less than 20 sticks and all RYO under 30g. These larger packs will mean consumers will need to make fewer purchases per week, therefore reducing footfall

Plain packaging is an unnecessary additional piece of regulation, as health warnings will already increase to 65% of the pack under the EU Tobacco Products Directive. The Government is supposed to be supporting small shops; instead they are just trying to impose even more red-tape and placing an additional burden on retailers. Costs of training staff will only increase if plain packaging is introduced.

The Government is wrong to claim that the retailer will "benefit" from a decrease in transaction times. Serving a customer when all the packs are the same colour and the writing so small will take much longer than for a branded pack.

Removing brands will make products easier to counterfeit and undermine a retailer's legitimate trade. The illegal trade in tobacco is already a problem in the UK; by introducing plain packaging the Government is making it easier for criminals to operate.

Criminals do not care about age, those that deal in illicit tobacco are responsible for supplying to those who are under age.

It is in BOTH of our interests to eliminate illicit trade. If I sell more legitimate tobacco the government earns more in tax!

I strongly suggest you obtain proper evidence to substantiate your claims.

Kind regards,



In regards to the standardised tobacco packaging consultation 2014

Dear Jeremy Hunt,

I [REDACTED] as a retailer who sells tobacco find myself to be opposed to standard/plain packaging. For the following reasons, because it would frustrate my customers as I need to spend more time serving them due to the need to try and figure out which tobacco is which. Also this change will fuel the black market in counterfeit and smuggled tobacco. As has been the effect in Australia. As it currently stands already up to 16% of cigarettes consumed in the UK are not bought in UK retail, and this will only get worse. Finally this change will add more restrictions. The tobacco display ban has not been implemented yet. Europe has just decided to ban packs of fewer than 20 cigarettes, packs of less than 30g of tobacco and menthol cigarettes.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Tel:
Fax:

Dept of Health

STANDARDISED TOBACCO PACKAGING CONSULTATION

P.O. Box 1126

CANTERBURY

CT1 9ND

DEAR JEREMY HUNT,

I am a small retailer who sells tobacco and I
am opposed to standardised/plain packaging as it would:

Impact on my business

encourage more smuggling

take more time to serve customers

please consider the impact this will have on our business

Yours sincerely

24/7/2014

Dear Jeremy Hunt MP,

This is a formal consultation response, I am proprietor of a successful busy City Centre Newsagent with an annual turnover with the excess of £500,000, of which 55% is cigarettes and tobacco. The introduction of plain packaging would be a burden on all retailers as we are already being imposed with display ban in Apr 2015, the other staff training would have to increase, customers would move to cheaper brands if all brands look the same, leading a loss in margins for retailers. Also removing brand identity would make it easier to counterfeit cigarettes. The UK already has an illegal trade problem and this will only increase as it will be easier for criminals to operate. We completely oppose to plain packaging. Thank you for having been your response.

Kind Regards,

[Redacted]
Shop Keeper

Dear Sir,

In response to the government proposed plain cigarette package consultation I wish to voice my objections. Apart from the extra work load this will cause it leaves itself wide open to abuse and forgery on an even larger scale than at present. The knock on effects will be even more damage to the health of those who do smoke and an increased burden on the NHS. On the monetary side the revenue from cigarettes will reduce leading to increases in other taxation to replace the lost cash.

Please think again before implementing this very damaging proposal.

Yours Faithfully

30 August 2014

TOBACCO PACKS CONSULTATION

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

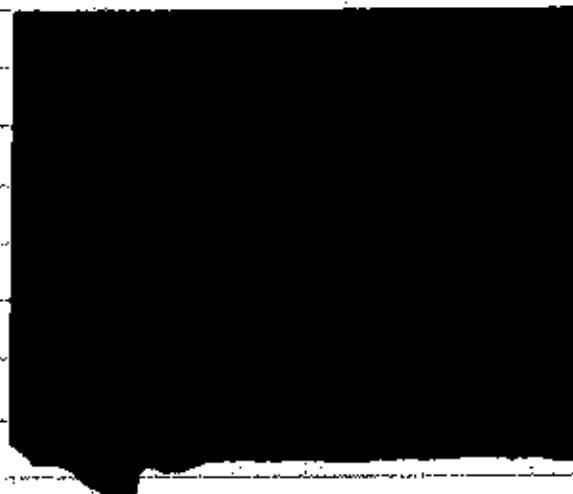
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WELLINGTON HOUSE

133-135 WHITEHALL ROAD

LONDON

SE1 8UG



STANDARDISED TOBACCO PACKAGING CONSULTATION 2014

DEAR JEREMY HUNT MP

THIS IS A FORMAL CONSULTATION RESPONSE TO THE PROPOSAL.

I RUN A SMALL INDEPENDENT BUSINESS AND I AM TRYING TO MAKE A LIVING OUT OF IT.

I DON'T MAKE MUCH PROFIT OUT OF THIS AS IT IS SINCE 80% TAX GOES TO GOVERNMENT. BY INTRODUCING plain packaging, IT WILL TAKE ME MUCH LONGER TO SERVE MY CUSTOMERS.

I AM ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT THE CRIMINALS WHO WILL INTRODUCED EVEN MORE CHEAPER TIGHT PACKS, RESULTING IN LOSS OF REVENUE FOR ME.

PLAIN PACKS WILL BECOME MORE READABLE FOR ME. POTENTIAL LOSS OF REVENUE DUE TO ILLEGAL CIGARETTES ON THE STREET, BUT WILL NOT REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF CIGARETTE MY CUSTOMERS SMOKE.

Yours faithfully



29th AUGUST 2014

TOBACCO PACKS CONSULTATION
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
7th FLOOR
WELLINGTON HOUSE
133-135 WATSELOO ROAD
LONDON
SE1 8UG



STANDARDISED TOBACCO PACKAGING CONSULTATION 2014

DEAR SERAPHINE HUNT MP,

THIS IS A FORMAL CONSULTATION RESPONSE TO THE PROPOSAL


I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY CONCERN ABOUT THE INTRODUCTION OF PLAIN PACKAGING IN THE UK AND THE NEGATIVE IMPACT THIS WILL CAUSE TO THE BUSINESSES LIKE MINE.

THE GOVERNMENT IS SUPPOSED TO BE SUPPORTING SMALL BUSINESSES, YET YOU ARE PLACING AN ADDITIONAL BURDEN ON RETAILERS. MY CUSTOMERS WILL STILL SMOKE REGARDLESS IF A PACK OF CIGARETTES IS PLAIN AND/OR BEHIND DOORS. IT WILL JUST CONFUSE US AND WILL TAKE LONGER TO SERVE THE BRAND MY CUSTOMER HAS ASKED FOR. CUSTOMERS WILL BE LIKELY TO DOWNGRADE TO CHEAPER BRANDS IF ALL PACKS LOOK THE SAME. THIS MEANS LOWER PROFITS AND LESS REVENUE TO US. COUNTERFEIT CIGARETTES WILL BE ON THE INCREASE, NO DOUBT ABOUT THAT.

ALL I AM ASKING IS FOR YOU TO RE-CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL AND THINK ABOUT THE NEGATIVE IMPACT ON INDEPENDENT RETAILERS.

Yours faithfully





Dear Jeremy Hunt M.P.


Re Plain Packaging Consultation Response

As a retailer in a working class environment not having packs of 10 cigarettes will put a burden on finances, many will buy cigarettes to smoke sooner than food for the table.

Most people here buy Economy cigarettes and Duty free from "Cigarette Houses" more and more people will look for cheaper cigarettes from the illegal ~~sources~~ sources as they will not look any different from legal ones.

This proposed change will not help small retailers like my self in these difficult times.

Yours in anticipation



Mr Kenneth Clarke
House of Commons
London
SW1A 0AA

JEREMY HUNT

Dear Mr Clarke, / MR HUNT

I feel forced to write to you to highlight my concern regarding the prospect of plain packaging on cigarettes being introduced in the UK. As someone who has run a convenience store for 25 years and who engages on a daily basis with smokers I find the whole idea quite offensive. It appears to me that certain members of the Government/health lobby are totally out of touch with the public.


A policy like plain packaging would have obvious consequences that could be detrimental to both retailers like me, the public and also the Government. In my opinion we would see the following:

- A massive increase in the trade of illicit cigarettes.
- A loss of tax revenue in a time when HMRC needs every penny.
- Small retailers laying people off and in extreme cases closing down.
Please note, two of my neighbouring retailers have recently ceased trading.
- A large future burden on the NHS because of the effects of people smoking counterfeit cigarettes that are made of rat poison, asbestos or some other poison.
- Criminals making huge profits
- The Government having to pay billions of pounds compensation to the tobacco companies.

I fully understand the need to tackle smoking, however in the same way that alcohol abuse and obesity are massive public health issues we need to ensure that we educate people especially children. The worse thing we could do is to force the habit "underground".

I know you're a very busy man but I would be interested in understanding your position on the topic.





For the attention of Mr. Jeremy Hunt


Dear Sir

I am worried about the restricted dark market and the effect this is going to have on my business already next year. With the introduction of plain packaging it is going to be difficult to recognise easily the difference in brands and restocking correctly. This will only affect my profit that is low already due to the high taxes that you collect on cigarettes.

I follow the guidelines with regard to under age selling of cigarettes strictly and I feel that you are using the legitimate retailers as a scapegoat in introducing more policies that will not change children's impressions on smoking.

I would feel better if you had proof that plain packaging would do what you want it to do but you have none and we, the retailer are guinea pigs and losing our livelihoods in the process.

Yours faithfully



[REDACTED]

Dear Mr Jeremy Hunt


I am writing this letter to get my point over of ~~NOT HAVING PLAIN CIGARETTE~~
~~PACKAGING~~. We as an independent convenience store feel that this is totally out of order as because as of April
2015 doors will be fitted to our tobacco gantry so plain packaging will be of no use other than:-

- Increasing illegal sales of tobacco products
- forcing small stores out of business or laying staff off
- increasing profits for criminals
- decreasing government tax off tobacco products in turn putting more taxes on other products

The need to tackle smoking is understandable but PLAIN packaging is not the answer, as this, as I have said before
will lead to more illegal sales and the trade being forced underground and with so many cuts being made in this
country i.e. Customs and excise and police forces I see the illegal trade of tobacco products increasing if PLAIN
packaging is introduced.

I understand that you are a busy person but feel this is an issue that could force a lot off businesses out of
business and a lot of people out of work.


Yours sincerely
[REDACTED]



DEAR SIR,

PLEASE DO NOT HAVE PLAIN PACKS ON
CIGARETTES, AS I WILL LOOSE CUSTOMERS.
IT WILL FUEL THE BLACK MARKET IN
COUNTERFEIT AND SMUGGLED TOBACCO. I
BELIEVE THIS WILL NOT BENEFIT BY HAVING
~~PLAIN~~ PLAIN PACKAGES.

THANKING YOU,



To whom it may concern,

I am writing with regards to the current ongoing consultation for Plain Packaging of Tobacco Products.

Being an independent retailer & being in this business for over 5 years, I came to the conclusion that this legislation of plain tobacco & Plain Packaging will no doubt have an effect on my sales as at some service time will be

convinced to customers. This on top of the retail display ban. As a result, I believe I will lose tobacco trade will increase as customer obviously are always

looking for cheap/cheap option of buying.

We are selling a legal product to customer only if legal age - hence the customer who are regular customers won't be affected by the coming up of

removal of blanket, but will definitely impact

Tobacco Packs Consultation,
Department of Health,
7th Floor,
Wellington House,
133-155 Waterloo Road,
London SE1 1UG



Dear Jeremy Hunt MP,

This is a formal consultation response.

Introducing standardised packaging would put the responsible legal supply chain at risk. The more you make tobacco look like an 'under-the-counter' product, the more you make the illegal supply appear to be attractive. Customers in general are down trading to cheaper brands and if all packs looked the same and the price is not easily seen. The cheaper illegal tobacco will flourish for it's ability to openly state price to those who wish to save themselves the hassle of remembering what price their preferred brand is at the shops.

Evidence from Australia (KPMG) indicates that there has been an increase in illicit tobacco trade since plain packaging was introduced. Since the introduction 67% of Association of Convenience Stores say the growth of the black market has had an impact on their business.

Most retailers share your desire to improve public health and they comply with regulations on the sale of tobacco. They need less red tape not more.


As a small local shop (CTN) I rely heavily on tobacco to generate footfall and for cash flow purposes complying with tobacco legislation and making very low profits from it's sale.

To make it invisible (tobacco) in shops, it will not only cost jobs, but the loss of many small traders like myself who depend on tobacco sales to drive their business.

Retaining the status quo on tobacco packaging is the best option for effective longterm tobacco control in the UK.

Your sincerely,





Tobacco Packs Consultation
Mr Jeremy Hunt, MP
Department of Health
7th Floor, Wellington House
133-135 Waterloo Road
LONDON
SE1 8UQ

30th July 2014

Retailers Formal Consultation Response

Dear Mr Hunt,

I am writing to you as a small business owner based in Belfast City centre committed to sustaining retail diversity on our city streets. I strongly believe the current wave of tobacco legislation and the proposed plain packaging measures will have a serious impact on my business while having little effect on the consumption of tobacco products through-out the UK.


I believe this legislation will make it easier for more illegal trading to take place under black market conditions. These traders do not ask the age of their customers, they have no interest in the illegal material found in counterfeit products and their profits are not taxed.

My business employs approx. 50 members of staff. We have continued operating under extremely testing times since the recession struck in 2005. We are under additional pressure from discount brands and multiples moving into our sector. As a government committed to the small business owner we are appealing to you to lobby on our behalf and protect our interests from further threats.

My main concerns are listed below. Should you wish to contact me directly to discuss my views in more detail my mobile number is [REDACTED]

Yours Sincerely

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Managing Director





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To whom it may concern,

Subject: Proposed plain packing tobacco products

I am an independent retailer making a living from the store.
The proposed plain packing will destroy the tobacco trade and in-turn the government will have less revenue in its coffers.

Being a reputable trader we have to make sure that we don't serve under age but illicit traders don't care and plain packaging plays in their favour.

By having restricted displace it has not made any difference to the tobacco sales but plain packaging will decrease our sales but increase the illicit traders sales.



[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Jeremy Hunt MP

I am writing this letter as my formal consultation response to the government's consideration of plain cigarette packs in the UK.

We are strongly against the move to standardised packs for the main reasons:

- Easier for counterfeiters + illegal products (which are bad in my area already)
- There are plenty of other legislations that we currently have to deal with without another
- tobacco is already very low profit, with plain packs everyone will smoke more cheap cigarettes.

I look forward to your response.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

28/07/2014

R.E. A formal consultation response

Dear Mr. Jeremy Hunt,

As a convenience store owner, I rely heavily on tobacco sales. I believe that introducing plain packaging would negatively affect my business and pose numerous disadvantages. For example:

- It would be much harder for customers to differentiate between tobacco products at a glance. Transactions would thus take longer to carry out.
- Plain packaging would most likely decrease the marketability of tobacco products. This would cause a decline in my sales.
- Since plain packaging is easier to reproduce, it could also cause an increase in the smuggling of tobacco products.

I hope you will consider the points I have put forward.

Yours Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Re: Proposed Plain Packaging of Tobacco Products

To whom it may concern,

As an independent retailer, I wish it to be known that I am totally against Tobacco Plain Packaging.

As of April 2015, we will no longer be able to display tobacco products, this in itself is going to cause considerable increases in serving times, without making it more difficult to locate the product by making them all look the same, thus making my business more vulnerable to theft.

We enforce a strong No ID policy on underage sales, as do the majority of retailers. Underage smokers can still access tobacco products from the counterfeit and non UK duty paid supplies, perhaps if you put as much effort into controlling the sale of illegal product we would see a reduction in the sale of these products within the illicit market.

As far as I am aware, evidence from countries that have already implemented this policy, have proven that the implementation of plain packaging has not delivered the planned decreases in either the number of smokers or consumption levels.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

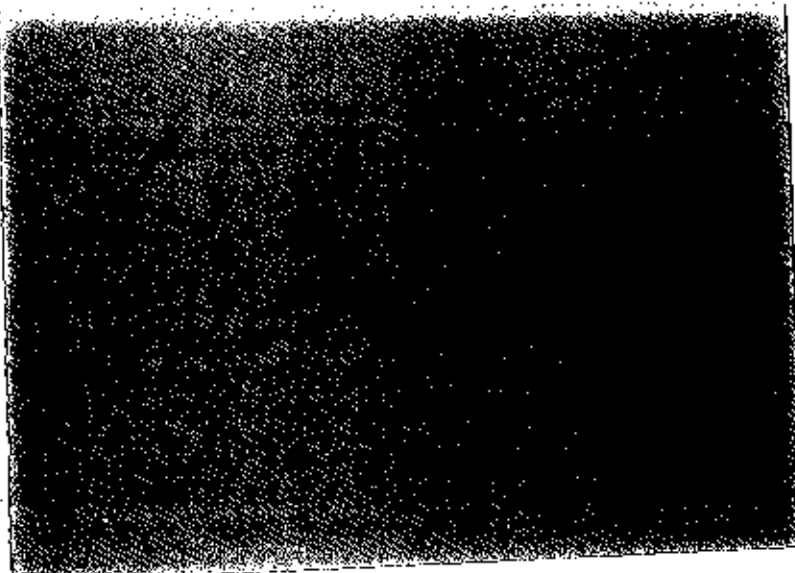
The Retailers Formal Consultation Response

Dear Honorable Jeremy Hunt MP,

I have been informed that there are plans to enforce Legislation for standardised packaging on tobacco & cigarettes. I understand around 200000 children start smoking every year in the UK according to British Lung Foundation. Children start smoking because of attraction and want look adult. It's a visual image from the brain want to look adult. Not attraction by packaging. They also start smoking because of irresponsible parents and society. We must enforce standardised social structure and tougher laws to prevent children from buying and smoking. A dedicated team who only ensures the prevention of children obtaining cigarettes from the shops would be a better solution. Even further more how about the personal moral responsibility from the shopkeepers and the society locally and nation wide. Increase awareness of harm of smoking amongst children through schools also would help to tackle this problem. Packaging never would make a difference in the numbers of smokers. If we are really looking for cure rather than a solution then I would suggest a ban on manufacturers of tobacco and a ban on smoking. Our economy structure is not capable of surviving by loosing £12 billion per year revenue, instead, introducing a legislation to ban Nicotine and a cocktail of 4000 chemicals added in the tobacco which cause the addiction and the cancer, would help the economy, NHS and the 100000 preventable deaths a year and Smokers enjoy a healthy smoke, economy thrives and more revenue for the government. I also feel that democracy failed yet again by telling me not to show loyalty. We show loyalty to brands, names, schools, businesses, products and endless list goes on. So how is it fair for anyone to show loyalty to a particular political party? By Standardise we achieve nothing but penalising few tobacco company and economy. I hope this will change your view on standardised packaging. Thank you for your patience and taking your invaluable time to read this letter.

Yours truly

30/07/2014



31 July 2014

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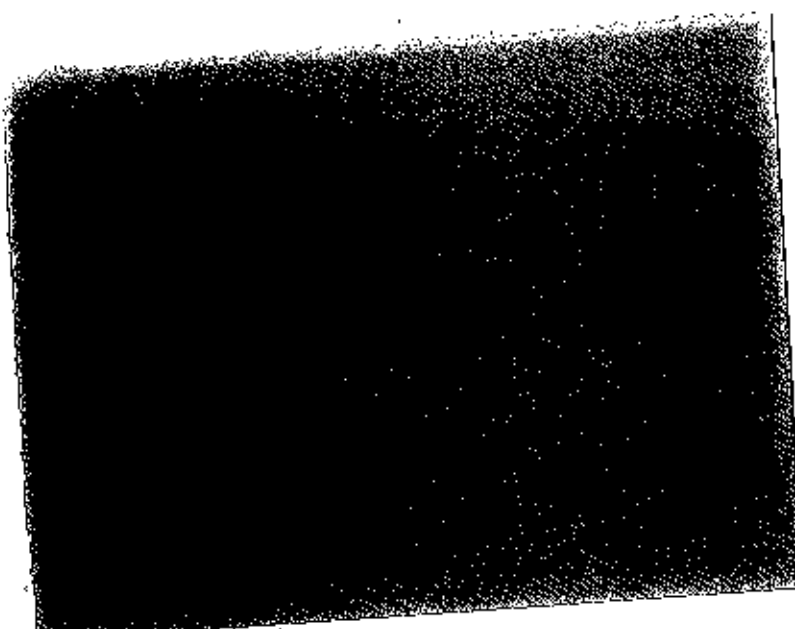
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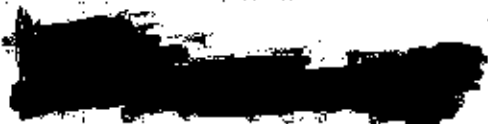
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Thank you for reading this letter



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25/07/2014

To Whom It May Concern Department Of Health,

It is with great concern that I am writing this letter, highlighting my concerns over plain cigarette packaging.

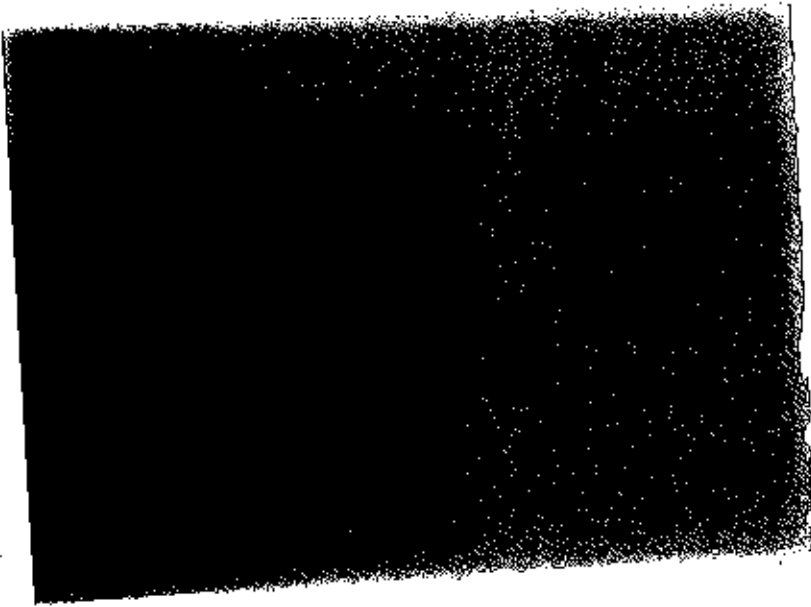
The main concern is that yet again the government are putting another "nail in the coffin" for [REDACTED] stores that are law abiding citizens such as us and the vast majority of shop keepers. We work 12 hours a day 7 days a week in order to make a living from our stores and I believe that the fundamental reasons behind customers coming to us in the first place is because we offer a far superior service than the mult's and customers are confident they will get the legitimate brand they require.

If the new legislation is passed this will deter customers using us, as they will be met with high levels of confusion as the packets will look the same and it will increase our serving times which will have a "knock on" effect to our customers, losing us business.

This coupled with the high volumes of illicit trade that are currently on going will fuel the black market trade, and drive more customers underground. It will have a devastating effect on shopkeepers who undergo legal compliance procedures within the government guidelines to help the prevention of underage sales and keep crime to a minimum. If plain packets are allowed this will help crime organised gangs to continue if not increase the volume they do.

Regards

[REDACTED]



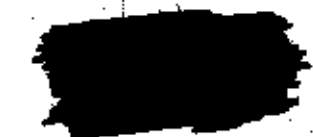
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Thank you for reading this letter.

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Jeremy Hunt

July 2014

Dear Jeremy -

Plan Packages on Cigarettes will have
A Terrible Financial Impact on our Store

Easier to be Competitors.

Take larger Fin Staff to Serve.

Confusing Fin Customers.

Try help Small Businesses not Make
it More Difficult //



[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Sir,

Re: Proposed plain packaging of tobacco products.

We feel the proposal of the white packing will affect our business in a very negative way. We feel not only would it increase delays in the store, but customers will start using the illegal trade which is prevalent in the area. This could lead to reduced staff costs as this is my only variable cost. As we have already been forced at significant inconvenience to cover the unit, which obviously negates any requirement for further restriction within the form of plain packaging.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Sir,

I disagree with PLAN PACK AS
WILL FRUSTRATE my customers as I need to
SPEND more time serving them. Also It will
INCREASE the fake Cigarette.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

31-07-2014

Dear sir/Madam

I am writing in regards to the new plain packaging, as we all know that business is getting harder and harder day by day, I think this will be a big mistake as duty free cigarettes could be sold on the market and this could have a big impact on business, as well as loosing cigarette sales there is chances of loosing non cigarette sales as well and I believe this will have a big impact on the market for all retailers and also wholesalers

I hope you strongly take this into consideration

Hope to hear from you soon

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (director)

Dear Jeremy that is

I am a conscientious retailer in the independent retail sector. I have always supported legislative implementation of measures to control the supply and sale of tobacco products.

I believe we are now about to take a step to fit and therefore felt I must respond to the consultation on plain packaging of tobacco products. This will place additional strain on my business above that which will be created by the display ban which has not even been implemented yet. I think it is very ungracious of the government to claim that we as retailers will benefit from a reduction in transaction costs; whose is the avoidance to support this? The truth is that myself and I will need more time to identify a brand set loss!!

If packs are all the same it will become a significantly more price driven market as there will be no brand identity among my customers. They will down trade and my profits will shrink to less than what they currently are due to constant taxation.

I pay particular attention to the ages of those who ingest a tobacco product, namely use of the 'challenge 25' program, unfortunately the criminal gangs who operated in this market do not care about age. Plain packaging will be easier to copy and divide the market into their hands, in doing so undoing all the solid work that has been done to reduce incidents of smoking among younger people.

Whatever happened to freedom of choice and democracy? My business may and most likely will suffer beyond repair should plain packaging come into effect. Now that's how we support our small businesses.

Yours Sincerely

[REDACTED]

Dear Jeremy Hunt MP,

I am concerned that the current consultation into plain packaging at six weeks is insufficient for the busy summer holiday period. Retailers like me will bear the brunt of any changes and it is crucial that they have a proper opportunity to comment. Therefore, I would request that the consultation period is extended.

In addition, the impact assessment for the proposed regulation is not translated into English which could penalise some retailers whose first language is not English who fully need to understand how plain packaging, if introduced, might impact on them.

[REDACTED]

Dear Jeremy Hunt MP,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

My formal consultation response is against plain packaging for tobacco products. We do not want the illegal trade to grow and any more implications that will make it harder than it already is to do business.

The confusion for my staff between cigarette brands is already bad enough without making them all look the same.

With evidence from Australia showing more people smoke value brands I don't want to lose the last bit of profit I can make in expensive brands.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

TEL: [REDACTED]

Date 30/07/14
To MR Jeremy Hunt MP

Re: Opposition to plain packaging on cigarette packets

Dear Sir

I run a small convenience store in Tufnell Park (North London) and I am writing to you regards the plain packaging on cigarette packs for which I understand there is going to be a consultation in the parliament on 7th of August 2014

I am writing because I am really worried for my livelihood as already our sales have plummeted since having to go dark on the display of the cigarettes

As it is now we have to spend time opening up and trying to remember where the actual cigarettes are on our blackened display and at least we can identify the brand from its design. Although we have lost our sales we are getting more concerned that plain packaging will ultimately get the smokers to turn to illegal sellers in pubs and clubs where there is no restriction to who buys and this will lead to extra loss in footfall through our doors. Ultimately a loss to us as well as HMRC in lost Vat as well as taxation

Also I feel that by making it compulsory for plain packaging represents a Nanny State which is far too much as the Adult Consumer is increasingly treated as a child who would not be able to make an informed decision for themselves. For smokers purchasing the packets can already read

[REDACTED]

VAT REG No: [REDACTED]

and see the disturbing images and warning signs already present, also the new European Union's directive, which will cover over 65% of the packs SO WHY DO WE NEED PLAIN PACKAGING

I am also concerned regards the slippery slope this government is going , once this standardised packaging comes in to effect ,it will set a precedence for other products such as alcohol, fatty foods , and I have learnt that Confectionary is already the next target .

It is also very easy for you politicians to come up with these ideas, but have you ever thought of the hardship it can cause the retailers when all the products look the same, please I urge try and work only one day and you will see the difference it makes in identification of the items from their colours displayed.

We also do not want the Children to smoke, we feel that smoking should be a choice for informed adults and we have absolutely no objection to the measures you place upon us to prevent children from smoking. If the government really wants to protect children from smoking it should seek tougher enforcement of existing laws and focus on further education in schools and illegal trade in counterfeit trade which is so prevalent in pubs and clubs and is being ignored by the politicians

Thanking you for taking time to read my concerns

Yours sincerely

[Redacted signature]

[Redacted address line]

[Redacted VAT REG No. line]

VAT REG No: [Redacted]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Standard Packs

My family have been in the independent trade for over 30 years and we have seen a lot of changes in this time with regards smoking.

Our business is based in a council estate where we are busy throughout the day. Our main source of business is cigarette sales which doesn't make a good margin but, it brings the customer over the door. If plain packaging was to come in my profits are going to drop as due to the number of people coming through the doors I won't have the time to scan a unit looking. Also staff may sell the wrong product which is going to take up more of my time. Obviously if all packs are the same size it is going to make it easier to copy and sell anything in it.

We as retailers have already had to accept the covering of the units. This is a step to far, for the sake of livelihood's this cannot be considered.

Yours hopefully
[REDACTED]

Pam Perry

To whom it may concern,

Please do not go ahead with the standard packaging of cigarettes in the UK. My business is made up of 50% tobacco sales and I will be unable to operate within this environment. My footfall will drop drastically and as I work on my own I will not have the time to mess around looking for packets that all look the same.

There is a lot of fake cigarettes around my shop which is already affecting my business and this is only going to make it worse.

Your sincerely

[Redacted signature]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Sir/Madam

Standard Packs

I am writing to you as an independent retailer who is gravely concerned about the proposed standardising of cigarette packaging.

These steps that are being taken, whilst driven by the health lobbyists, are going to be of great detriment to myself and fellow retailers. My concerns are the amount of illicit trade that will flood the market, time a till point and most importantly LOST PROFITS.

I am strongly against restricting a market which is already heavily legislated.

Your sincerely

[REDACTED]

Jeremy Hunt MP
Department of Health
Standardised Tobacco Packaging Consultation
PO Box 1126
Canterbury
CT1 9NB

[REDACTED]

Tel: [REDACTED]

30 July 2014

Dear Jeremy Hunt MP

Response to the Standardised Tobacco Packaging Consultation 2014

I am a self employed retailer who sells tobacco.

I am opposed to standardised/plain packaging as it would:

- o Fuel the black market in counterfeit and smuggled tobacco. This has been the effect in Australia. Already, up to 16% of cigarettes consumed in the UK are not bought in UK retail, and this will get worse.
- o Frustrate my customers as I need to spend more time serving them.
- o Add more restrictions. The tobacco display ban is not even implemented yet. Europe has just decided to ban packs of fewer than 20 cigarettes. Packs of less than 25g tobacco and menthol cigarettes

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

Dear Jeremy Hunt MP, this is A formal
consultation response to the plain packaging!

I Am Against this because it will;

Effect My sales

Fuel illegal sales

Serving time for my customers

may cause tension between staff & customers

cause extra stress for owners & staff if
giving wrong cigarettes to the customer

[Redacted signature]

[Redacted address]

Dear Jeremy Hunt MP AND STATE THAT IT IS A FORMAL CONSULTATION RESPONSE.

PLAIN PACKAGING IS YET ANOTHER BURDEN ON RETAILERS BECAUSE

- 1) IT WILL FRUSTRATE MY CUSTOMERS AS I NEED TO SPEND MORE TIME SERVING THEM.
- 2) FUEL THE BLACK MARKET
- 3) TIME WASTING FOR MYSELF AND MY STAFF

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Dear Jeremy Hunt MP

As an Independent Retailer I would like to intimate my objection to the Governments proposed Plain Packaging of Tobacco Products.

We have as a trade been subjected to numerous changes within the tobacco category over past few years and like all my colleagues within trade we have adhered to those changes and have certainly seen our business suffer.

This new proposal is just another piece of legislation that will ensure that the independent trade suffer with the large multi-store companies gaining yet again from government support.

Plain packaging will increase the illicit trade that is without question.

In summary I as an independent retailer strongly object to the introduction of plain packaging as it will have a detrimental effect on my business.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Re: Proposed Plain Packaging of Tobacco Products

To whom it may concern,

As an Independent retailer, I wish it to be known that I am totally against Tobacco Plain Packaging.

As of April 2015, we will no longer be able to display tobacco products, this in itself is going to cause considerable increases in serving times, without making it more difficult to locate the product by making them all look the same, thus making my business more vulnerable to theft.

We enforce a strong No ID policy on underage sales, as do the majority of retailers. Underage smokers can still access tobacco products from the counterfeit and non UK duty paid supplies, perhaps if you put as much effort into controlling the sale of illegal product we would see a reduction in the sale of these products within the illicit market.

As far as I am aware, evidence from countries that have already implemented this policy, have proven that the implementation of plain packaging has not delivered the planned decreases in either the number of smokers or consumption levels.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Dear Jeremy Hunt MP

PROPOSED PLAIN PACKAGING OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS

The proposed change to tobacco products that your government is proposing is absolutely ridiculous.

As seems to be the norm, independent local retailers are to suffer.

The following points are main concerns for me

- More restrictions after the hassle of covering gantries
- The warnings on packets already cover 65% of pack
- Where is the government support to local retailers?
- Finding correct brand will become 'a task' for staff
- No supportive findings from Australian legislation
- Illicit trade will increase, funding criminals/terrorists/sweat shop factories etc

I would like to strongly object to the government proposal on this issue and hopefully you will see sense

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

24/7/14

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH STANDARDISED PACKAGING CONSULTATION

PO BOX 1126
CANTERBURY
CT1 9NB

Re: Normal consultation process.

Dear SEREM7 HUNT,

With reference to the plain packaging, it is apparent that this did not work in Australia and this will have repercussions for myself as a small business and is just more red tape. I identify the brands will be a nightmare. It will slow down transaction times and will encourage the illicit trade. Please take these points into consideration when making your final decision.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Dear Sir,

This is a formal response to the proposal to introduce plain packaging on cigarette packs in the future.

I strongly disagree with this proposal and believe that the following issues / reasons justify my strongly held beliefs:-

- plain packs will make it so much easier for illegally produced packs to increase their influence on the market.
- surely government revenue will decrease from tobacco products resulting in increased charges in other sectors?
- this will make life much harder for retailers such as myself for purchasing / merchandising / selling these products
- customers will face longer times at the till point
- this has already failed to have any impact in other countries, Australia being the best example.
- jobs in the tobacco / packaging / marketing industries could be at threat if this excessive measure is introduced.
- finally, this is just another in a long line of regulations / laws etc. which make life harder for the smaller, independent retailer. We are trying to make an honest living and just face more and more issues / pressures from government, at a time when trading is harder than ever before. We should be getting more support instead of more problems!

I hope you will take time to digest these points and realising the issues within, will stop plans to bring in plain packaging.

Yours hopefully,

Dear Sir,

PLAIN PACKAGING

In response to the above, I have to say that as a retailer I am totally opposed to the above. As a small independent tobacconist/newsagent, life is hard enough with all the red tape we already have to comply with. We open 13 hours daily and try to provide a good service for all our customers, despite the never-ending changes/regulations.

We do not sell to children and do our utmost to comply with all rules etc., in fact if plain packaging comes in, all it will do is help the illegal market to make even more money and deprive the government of their taxes. As these officials who dream up these ideas not live in the real world, between doors on our gentry and plain packs, how are we supposed to find anything. This is going to result in a slower service for our customers and also a safety threat to my staff, who will have their backs to whoever is in the shop for longer.

This may not matter in a large store, but at 7.05am on a winters morning, it leaves us more vulnerable to being held up, and whoever steals our cigarettes etc, will have no conscience when it comes to selling to children, as long as they get their cash!

I would like to think that you will take note of the above, but in this world of big brother, I will not hold my breath!

Yours sincerely,



TEL: [REDACTED]

E-MAIL: [REDACTED]

Department of Health Standardised Packaging Consultation
PO Box 1126,
Canterbury,
CT1 9NB.

28th July 2014.

Dear Mr Jeremy Hunt MP,

Re: Formal consultation response to cigarette plain packaging.

I am writing in response to the formal consultation of cigarette plain packaging. I have owned and operated a convenience store in Loughborough for the past 32 years and would like to add my voice to this consultation. I feel the introduction of plain packaging would be a further burden on my business bearing in mind that I have just recently had to adapt my store for the forthcoming display ban in April 2015. I keep hearing and reading that your government is pro small business but this in my opinion is yet another hurdle for my business and many businesses like mine.

Independent convenience stores are currently experiencing challenging trading conditions, several supermarkets have opened hundreds of their own local stores, continue to open more at a greater pace, and competing with these multinationals is difficult. About twenty percent of my customers purchase a tobacco product and their footfall leads to the purchase of additional products. I fear that if all cigarette packaging appears the same, customers will find it more difficult distinguish between brands and therefore quality, and will opt for the cheapest cigarettes, affecting my margins. We all rely on brand names on packaging to make purchasing decisions every day and it would be unfair and burdensome on consumers to lose the ability to distinguish between brands by quickly glancing at the packaging of tobacco products.

Furthermore, speaking practically, the forthcoming display ban will already mean that my transaction times will increase. More importantly, whilst opening and closing gantry doors, my back will be turned, possibly leading to an increase in thefts. By introducing plain packaging, that transaction time will increase further still because if all of the packets appear the same, I will need to spend a few seconds extra reading the text on the packets to ensure that I select the correct pack as requested by the customer, further exacerbating the likelihood of thefts. That text coincidentally will be in the same small font on all packets.

I am concerned also by the EU Tobacco Products Directive coming into effect in 2016 which will ban the sale of packets with under twenty cigarettes or under 30g of tobacco. My business is situated near a Housing Association estate and many of my customers purchase cigarettes in packs of ten or 12.5g packs of tobacco because it is all they can afford. I fear I will lose these customers from 2016 and that some may turn to illicit tobacco which is already a problem in Loughborough as is it nationwide. The removal of branding from packs will of course make it easier for criminals to produce counterfeit tobacco products.

DIRECTORS: [REDACTED]

VAT REG NO: [REDACTED]

CO. REG NO: [REDACTED]

CO. SECRETARY: [REDACTED]

TEL: [REDACTED] E-MAIL: [REDACTED]

I have read evidence from Australia which indicated that there has been an increase in the illicit trade in tobacco since the introduction of plain packaging. This is a key consideration I believe, because the sale of tobacco products in my store is a legitimate trade, is carefully controlled, all duties are paid, I work hard to ensure that these products are not sold to persons under the age of 18, and I of course satisfy Trading Standards to this effect. Criminals do not care how old their customers are, whether their illicit tobacco is being bought for consumption by children, care about the quality and safety of their illicit tobacco, and not to mention how the proceeds of their crime will be spent on perhaps further criminal activity.

Finally, whilst the health warnings on packs are an important message to consumers, the EU Tobacco Products Directive will increase these warnings to 65% of the packet, making the case for plain packaging less appealing considering the burden it will place on retailers who sell tobacco products and the consumers who may become confused over branding and quality.

For the reasons I have detailed, I believe that cigarette plain packaging should not be introduced.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this letter.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

VAT REG NO: [REDACTED] ❖ CO. REG NO: [REDACTED]
DIRECTORS: [REDACTED] ❖ CO. SECRETARY: [REDACTED]

Department of Health
Standardised Packaging Consultation
PO Box 1126
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22/07/2014

Plain Packaging Consultation Response

Dear Jeremy Hunt MP,

The display ban, that has already been implemented within our store, has not yet reached smaller businesses and yet you are already trying to impose further restrictions? Waiting to see if this is having any effect is surely more desirable than burdening retailers with further regulations that are likely to decrease the amount of tobacco product sales. Since the display ban was introduced in our store we have had a number of customers walk out without making a purchase (either of tobacco or any other product) as a direct result of this. These numbers will only increase if plain packaging is introduced.

The Governments claim that transaction times will "decrease" with the new scheme is ridiculous. How is this possible if we have to spend time locating the product that is hidden behind a screen? Surely transaction times would increase, resulting in customers becoming increasingly impatient and therefore resorting to other means of purchase? In these hard times it would be nice if the Government would follow through on its supposed support to smaller shops, rather than keep introducing more rules and restrictions that result in a loss of sales.

The purpose of this scheme is to decrease the amount of younger people starting smoking. However, all stores support at least a "Challenge 18" policy, as is the law, so clearly younger people are obtaining them through other means. Doesn't this need addressing, rather than penalising the stores abiding by the laws you have passed? Customers will opt for the cheaper options available in stores, that will result in less margins and a smaller profit (which is already tiny to begin with!).

The plain packaging scheme has already been implemented in Australia and the evidence so far suggests that an increasing amount of people are using illegal means of obtaining tobacco. Is this not something you want to avoid? All this will achieve is higher levels of illegal activity and stores struggling to keep afloat.

I urge you to rethink this proposal and the disastrous consequences that it will bring. I am fully against plain packaging.

Yours sincerely,

Supervisor

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

Thank you for reading this letter

[REDACTED]

31/7/14

Dear Sir/ Madam

I don't think having Standardised Packaging
is going to have any effect or having separate
retail doors, will have any effect. But
you will help to close more Independent
shops.

Thank you

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

Thank you for reading this letter

[REDACTED]

POST OFFICE

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Tue 29 July 2014

Formal Consultation Response

Dear Jeremy Hunt MP,

I am writing to voice my opposition to the proposal to have plain packaging for cigarettes.

Tobacco sales are important in bringing customers into our shops. It gives us the chance to sell other more profitable products.

Plain packaging on top of the display changes will make serving time longer which affects our service & profitability.

We are selling a legal product to adults & parents taxation revenue.

Please let us get on with our business without more red tape.
Yours - [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

Thank you for reading this letter

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

30 July 2014

THIS IS A FORMAL CONSULTATION RESPONSE

Dear Jeremy Hunt MP,

[REDACTED] convenience store has been trading since November 2003, during this time many changes in the tobacco industry have taken place which have been implemented by us as responsible retailers.

Next Year we will be installing doors on the tobacco gantry in compliance with law to discourage underage sales. Over the years with the increased prices on tobacco and cigarettes trading has been difficult as it is without having to introduce plain packaging.

As per the findings from plain packaging being introduced in Australia we can see that plain packaging isn't discouraging underage sales and has increased the amount of illegal tobacco in circulation there due to plain packaging being easier to counterfeit.

As a retailer, I am deeply concerned that the introduction of plain packaging will directly affect me as a small retailer in a climate where the government is supposed to be helping small businesses like ourselves thrive and continue.

Your prompt response will be much appreciated.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Mr Jeremy Hunt - MP,

RE: PLAIN PACKAGING

I am writing to express my disapproval on plain packaging, if this is put into place, counterfeit will sky rocket and this ^{will} affect our sales in a negative way, we rely highly on cigarette sales and we fear we may lose our business if this happens. There is no proof that plain packaging works even though it is in effect in Ireland & Canada, plain packaging is a opportunity for counterfeiters to take our revenue & the governments revenue. I am strongly against plain cigarette packaging and I hope this does not materialise.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

DIRECTOR

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
04-8-14

Dear Jeremy Hunt MP

I am a Independent Retailer who
currently stocks & sells Tobacco

I would like to inform you that
Plain Packaging will have a profound
effect on my business. Which currently
there is no proof that Plain Packaging
will be successful.

Counterfeit will succeed
Government is suppose to support
Small Independent Businesses
Rather than always supporting large
Stores.

I oppose to Plain Packaging as
there are no key proofs.

Kind Regards
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
24th August 2014

The Right Honorable Mr Jeremy Hunt M.P.
Dear Mr Hunt,

Re: PLAIN PACKAGING

I have been a retailer in the C.O.T.N. sector for over 25 years. Through successive Governments we have witnessed experienced above inflation taxation on cigarettes and have had to live with it.

In my experience (the plain packaging will not work (disregarding the forthcoming display ban) for the following reasons:

- 1) It will lead to a massive rise in illicit trade as branding will not be allowed.
- 2) There is not enough proof that it will lead to a reduction in smoking. (In fact, in Canada and Australia it has not been proven that sales have reduced)
- 3) It will lead to confusion amongst staff, more so with part time and temporary staff as most retailers employ part-timers regularly.
- 4) I do think the UK government has an obligation to support small retailers (irrespective of E.U. Laws) as we employ a large number of the total employed and contribute to the UK economy, not the E.U. economy.
- 5) The Government should support small businesses, not suppress them.

I believe that the present Government should leave tobacco products as they are and boost the economy.

Please bear in mind bootlegging and smuggling will increase
How will you address this?

Yours faithfully,
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

[REDACTED]

4/8/14

To WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I am Independent Retailer, we work very hard to keep our regular customers, and lot of them are not favoring Plain packaging.

They are not happy with the government regulation. I don't think these will make any difference (Plain ~~pack~~ packaging)

Thanking you

[REDACTED]

Yours Sincerely

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Jeremy Hunt MP,

I am an independant retailer with many years experience and I am writing in response the consultation on plain packaging on tobacco products.

I feel that this will not make a difference to the current sales of tobacco products as they are already going to be covered after April 2015 so I can't see the worth in changing the packets as well. It is proven that in Australia that smokers now just opt for the cheapest product and tend to move towards the black market too. This can only have a negative effect on not only my business but of most CTN's in the UK as consumers will no longer visit our shops as regular. This will also have an impact on transaction time and staff training will also be a cost as well, I can't see how this is of any benefit to independant retailers.

Regards
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Sir

I am writing in response to the consultation on plain packaging for tobacco products. As an independent retailer I feel that this is just another burden being placed on us and business is tough already. This is just going to make smokers buy illegal products and drive customers from my shop making it harder for me to make a living.

Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

RE:- STANDARD PACKING CONSULTATION.

I AM AGAINST THE PLAIN PACKAGING
ON CIGARETTE AND TOBACCO.

IT WILL INCREASE COUNTERFEIT TRADE
AND WILL BE ANOTHER BURDEN ON THE
INDEPENDENT RETAILERS WITH LONGER WAITING
TIMES AND A DECREASE IN PROFIT.

PLEASE KEEP THINGS AS THEY ARE.

Yours Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
30/7/14

REF: STANDARDISED TOBACCO CONSULTATION

Dear Sir,

I am opposed to the plain packs on tobacco and cigarettes.

I am a independent retailer and I feel this move will have an adverse effect on my business

It will increase the illicit tobacco trade which is already a big issue in my area. With over 20% of my sales coming from tobacco anything which reduces the footfall in my shop will reduce my profit.

Please register my objections to this plan.

Yours Faithfully
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

30 July 14

STANDARDISED TOBACCO PACKAGING CONSULTATION

DEAR SIR

THE PLAIN PACKS ON TOBACCO
IS A BAD IDEA. IT WILL CAUSE
ALOT OF COUNTERFIT STOCK &
REDUCE MY PROFITS

IT WILL BE GAME OVER FOR
SHOPS LIKE MINE

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

30th July 2014

Ref: Standardised Tobacco
Packaging

Dear Sirs

I am against plain cigarette packets
I feel plain packets will increase counterfeit trade,
it will encourage illegal trade and under age
smoking because criminals don't worry about
the age of their customer. Plain packets will
also reduce my profits.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

30th July 14.

STANDARDISED TOBACCO PACKAGING.

Dear Sir,

I AM STRONGLY AGAINST PLAIN
PACKS ON CIGARETTES AND TOBACCO.

I AM CONCERNED ABOUT MY
SAFETY. THE LONGER TRANSACTION TIME
TRYING TO LOCATE A PACK WHEN THEY ALL
LOOK THE SAME WILL GIVE CRIMINALS
AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHOP LIFT.

I FEEL IT WILL ALSO INCREASE
THE COUNTERFEIT TRADE AND UNDERMINE
MY LEGITIMATE TRADE, THIS REDUCING
MY PROFITS.

LEAVE THE CIGARETTE PACKS
ALONE.

Yours Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

3^{1ST} July 14.

Ref: ~~STANDARD~~ PACKAGING CONSULTATION
To whom it may concern.

I am against Plain Packs
on cigarettes + tobacco.

I believe it will increase
counterfeit stock around one
area of my shop which is
already a problem plus criminals
will not care who they sell
to. This will decrease profit
in my shop thus decreasing
my profit.

Leave the packs as they
are one corner up of displays
will be enough.

Yours Sincerely

[REDACTED]



[Redacted] Post Office

[Redacted]
[Redacted]

Tel: [Redacted]

email: [Redacted]

Plain Packaging consultation
To Whom It may concern,

I am an independant retailer:

I find it incredible that the UK Government can blindly propose ludicrous, ill thought, unsubstantiated proposals to introduce Tobacco plain packaging. Not only this but using the hard working independent retailers taxes to fund the pro advertising.

Maybe if you had to work 12 hours a day, 7 days a week to try and make a living and then see some folk in Ivory Towers try their damndest to try to make you work harder still, you might appreciate then true cost of your proposals.

The Independent retail trade do not lightly undertake any sale, let alone cigarettes to children, yet time and time again we are castigated for that elusive "soundbite" that will get a minister or similar some press coverage. If you perhaps actually went down to ground level, you would realise that children prefer to spend their money on downloads, computer games and mobiles. For most cigarettes is the last thing on their minds.

Please note, there is no profit in selling cigarettes as you have taxed them to the hilt. All we want is the ability to sell a LEGAL product to our eligible customers.

Yours Sincerely,

[Redacted signature]

A very angry retailer.

[REDACTED]

Dear Jeremy Hunt MP,

I am an independent retailer who has owned my business for many years. As such, I take this opportunity to write to you in response to the consultation on Plain Packaging as it is an issue that will impact directly on my business.

Times are difficult, with the growth of the convenience stores and large supermarkets expanding into these smaller brand convenience like stores. Profit margins are under enormous pressure as a result of competition for customers 'through' the door. I, like many independent retailers in the football generated by the tobacco products I am legally allowed to sell in this country. The already heavy taxation of these products, which provide billions back into the Government, has profit margins at an already very low point. As you will know, tobacco products will be covered from April 2015. This will already increase the time it takes to serve customers as I or my staff locate the brand requested or worse still if the customer is unsure the brand they require and can no longer see what we offer. The introduction of Plain Packaging where all packs are the same with only a small identifier will further impact on this. It is estimated that an increase of just 1 minute in serving a customer will result in five less transactions per hour through my tills!! To a business such as mine this is sales I can not afford to lose and will have an effect on the overall profitability and ultimately the sustainability of my business. All evidence from Australia making the switch to Plain Packs has shown that there has been an increase in illegal products and trade. The recent investigative documentaries on the television highlighted the already huge problem we have with this in UK, which you are unable to control. Perhaps time and effort would be better taken in this issue before pandering to small pressure groups to gain votes as a General election approaches is as low as it gets.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

25/7/14

Dear Jeremy Hunt MP

I am a retailer in Goole, East Yorkshire the countrles most inland Dock town and being a port we suffer heavily with contraband cigarette sales.

Your proposal to limit all packaging to be plain is too punitive, as yet we haven't had to suffer the display ban but within weeks it will be implemented and the only winners will be the people who don't have to do it - the smugglers. The advent of plain packaging will just make it easier for them to counterfeit packets, as already smuggled and counterfeited packs account for the large majority of sales around here.

Plain packaging is not going to make anything easler other than reduce the number of packets sold legitimately. Every lookalike packet sold doesn't benefit the taxman, no duty, no VAT, no Corporation Tax, lower wages and therefore less PAYE and meanwhile the NHS will still have to pick up the pieces.

Why do we have a legal product that is effectively sold under the counter which only glamorises it to under 18s who can't legally buy from me but do you think the smugglers and counterfeiters ask for proof of age - WE DO

Plain packaging will not work

Yours Sincerely

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

Thank you for reading this letter

To whom it may concern,

I AM WRITING TO EXPRESS MY CONCERNS ABOUT PLAIN PACKAGING ON CIGARETTES.

FIRSTLY, I BELIEVE THAT PLAIN PACKS WILL DISCOURAGE CONSUMER AND SMOKERS TOBACCO PRODUCTS DUE TO THE STANDARDISED DESIGN ON EACH BOX.

SECONDLY, I THINK THAT PROBLEMS MAY ARISE WHEN SHOPPING AND BUYING THESE PLAIN PACKAGED PRODUCTS. SERVING CUSTOMERS COULD BECOME PROBLEMATIC IF WE GIVE THEM THE WRONG PRODUCT. AND THIS CASE ALSO OCCURS ALSO, WHEN WE BUY FROM THE WHOLESALE WE COULD RUN UP AND BUY THE WRONG BRANDS, RESULTING IN LOSS OF SALES TO CUSTOMERS WHO BUY THE SAME PRODUCTS.

THE DISPLAY BAN HAS NOT FULLY TAKEN EFFECT YET SO I DO NOT UNDERSTAND WHY PLAIN PACKAGING IS TO BE IMPLEMENTED WHEN

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Tobacco Packs Consultation
Dept of Health
7th Floor
Wellington House
133 - 155 Waterloo Road
London
SE1 1UG

31 July 2014

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Removing brands will make products easier to counterfeit and undermine a retailer's legitimate trade. The illegal trade in tobacco is already a problem in the UK, by introducing plain packaging the Government is making it easier for criminals to operate.

Criminals do not care about age, those that deal in illicit tobacco are responsible for supplying to those who are under age.

It is in BOTH of our interests to eliminate illicit trade. If I sell more legitimate tobacco the government earns more in tax!

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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I strongly suggest you obtain proper evidence to substantiate your claims.

Kind regards,
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

31/07/14

Jeremy Hunt (MP)

Dept of Health

7th floor

Wellington House

133-155 Waterloo Road

London

SE7 7UG

Dear Mr Hunt

I am writing in response to plain packaging consultation. I believe plain packaging is an unnecessary piece of regulation as health warning will already increase to 65% of the pack under the EU ~~plain~~ ~~for~~ tobacco product directive. The cost of training staff will also increase if plain packaging is introduced. In addition this will lead to an increase in counterfeit cigarettes leading to a reduction in my turnover.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

Tobacco Packs Consultation
Dept of health
7th floor
Wellington House
133-135 Waterloo Road
London SE1 1UG

Email: [REDACTED]

31 July 2014

Dear Jeremy hunt

This is the retailers formal Consultation response on standardised packaging of tobacco products

I am an independent retailer .

I find it totally ludicrous that this government is hell-bent on making these unfounded proposals on standardised packaging listening to unqualified professionals who know nothing about retail industry.

I work 12 hours a day 7 days a week to make a living, there is endless red tape we do not need more, did this government promise less red tape not more while you and your colleagues sit in your ivory tower in London who have lost touch with the real world.

We as a trade do not lightly undertake any sale to children ,but we are still castigated for not being responsible in our jobs. The children do not have time to look at tobacco/cigs in my shop they have better things to do, go on social media etc.,

Already the government is losing revenue on illicit tobacco 4 billion pounds a year, you are in effect giving the criminals carte blanche to do what they want at our expense, they will sell to children under 18 **THEY DO NOT CARE AT ALL**.

We urge that you see common sense and not introduce these proposals to make a legal product in effect illegal, we are already taxed to the hilt already so the profit is low, plain packaging will only increase our serving times for our customers: why do plain packaging when we are going to put doors on our gautries in April 2015 ,is that not enough?

Look at Australia it has not worked there tobacco illegal activity up, retailers hit .

Please keep the status quo and not change the law, if you need any more information please get in touch by email.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]
Owner

To whom it may concern

I am independent [redacted] retailer.

I am against the proposed plain packaging for Cigarettes and Tobacco products, due to even though that the UK government has placed such a high tax on them and minimal profit is made on them, but that's not the issue.

My argument is that I want my and other retailer's customers to have the choice to decide if they wish to purchase cigarettes/tobacco products, without sight of plain and boring packaging so they can make decision if they wish to purchase them.

This country and other countries where built on advertising as retailer in my view every product disservices the right amount advertising on them this is what make them sell.

I hope these few statements encourage the UK government decide to scrap the plain packaging idea.

Regards

[redacted]

Company director of [redacted]

Jeremy Hunt

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

I feel compelled to write to you in your capacity as Secretary of State for Health with regard to the issue of plain packaging on tobacco products. I can scarcely believe that the government is considering the implementation of such erroneous legislation an attempt to please a few misguided people.

Primarily there is absolutely no evidence that introducing plain packs would deter anyone from purchasing tobacco.

As a small shop-keeper the ease with which plain packaging could be copied would cause me major concerns. I believe that contraband tobacco at present can take up to 20% of my potential sales - evidenced from the uplift in sales when smuggled supply fails. I would be fearful that my business could be forced to close completely - causing the job losses of all my staff if plain packs were introduced and thieves were enabled to easily take more of my livelihood.

Even at store level the potential problems for staff and customers in identifying different brands can only lead to increased waiting and serving times causing frustration for both parties.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Dear Jeremy Hunt MP

Re: formal consultation response for Plain Packaging of cigarettes

In my constituency of Bexley we have a real problem with an illicit trade in cigarettes. The issue is regularly in the local paper, and being a shopkeeper myself I get to know just how bad the problem is. Children on their way to school, regularly visit the 'fag house' to buy illegal cigarettes.

This problem would be increased greatly by the introduction of cigarettes in plain packaging.

I once heard a story about criminals paying homeless people in Manchester to walk around picking up used cigarette ends and emptying ashtrays from outside bars to be used in the making of counterfeit cigarettes.

The criminals job will be made easier by the introduction of plain packs.

I believe in Australia the criminal share of the market has doubled to nearly 20% of the market and there are calls for them to bring back coloured packs.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Re: Proposed Plain Packaging of Tobacco Products

To whom it may concern,

As an independent retailer, I wish it to be known that I am totally against Tobacco Plain Packaging.

As of April 2015, we will no longer be able to display tobacco products, this in itself is going to cause considerable increases in serving times, without making it more difficult to locate the product by making them all look the same, thus making my business more vulnerable to theft.

We enforce a strong No ID policy on underage sales, as do the majority of retailers. Underage smokers can still access tobacco products from the counterfeit and non UK duty paid supplies, perhaps if you put as much effort into controlling the sale of illegal product we would see a reduction in the sale of these products within the illicit market.

As far as I am aware, evidence from countries that have already implemented this policy, have proven that the implementation of plain packaging has not delivered the planned decreases in either the number of smokers or consumption levels.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Dear Jeremy Hunt MP

PROPOSED PLAIN PACKAGING OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS

The proposed change to tobacco products that your government is proposing is absolutely ridiculous.

As seems to be the norm, independent local retailers are to suffer.

The following points are main concerns for me

- More restrictions after the hassle of covering gannies
- The warnings on packets already cover 65% of pack
- Where is the government support to local retailers?
- Finding correct brand will become a task for staff
- No supportive findings from Australian legislation
- Illicit trade will increase, funding criminals/terrorists/sweat shop factories etc

I would like to strongly object to the government proposal on this issue and hopefully you will see sense

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

24/7/14

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH STANDARDISED PACKAGING CONSULTATION
PO BOX 1126
CANTERBURY.
CT2 9NB.

Re: Formal consultation process.

Dear JEREMY HUNT,

With reference to the main proposals, it is apparent that this did not work in Australia, and this will have repercussions for myself as a small business and is just more red tape. Identifying the brands will be a nightmare. It will slow down transaction times and will encourage the illicit trade. Please take these points into consideration when making your final decision.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
MANAGING DIRECTOR,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Sir,

This is a formal response to the proposal to introduce plain packaging on cigarette packs in the future.

I strongly disagree with this proposal and believe that the following issues / reasons justify my strongly held beliefs:-

- plain packs will make it so much easier for illegally produced packs to increase their influence on the market.
- surely government revenue will decrease from tobacco products resulting in increased charges in other sectors?
- this will make life much harder for retailers such as myself for purchasing / merchandising / selling these products
- customers will face longer times at the till point
- this has already failed to have any impact in other countries, Australia being the best example.
- jobs in the tobacco / packaging / marketing industries could be at threat if this excessive measure is introduced.
- finally, this is just another in a long line of regulations / laws etc. which make life harder for the smaller, independent retailer. We are trying to make an honest living and just face more and more issues / pressures from government, at a time when trading is harder than ever before. We should be getting more support instead of more problems!

I hope you will take time to address these points and realising the issues within, will step plans to bring in plain packaging.

Yours hopefully,

Dear Sir,

PLAIN PACKAGING

In response to the above, I have to say that as a retailer I am totally opposed to the above. As a small independent tobacconist/newsagent, life is hard enough, with all the red tape we already have to comply with. We open 13 hours daily and try to provide a good service for all our customers, despite the never ending changes/regulations.

We do not sell to children and do our utmost to comply with all rules etc., in fact if plain packaging comes in, all it will do is help the illegal market to make even more money and deprive the government of their taxes. As these officials who dream up these ideas not live in the real world, between clearing our gentry and plain packs, how are we supposed to find anything. This is going to result in a slower service for our customers and also a safety threat to my staff, who will have their backs to whoever is in the shop for longer. This may not matter in a large store, but at 7.00am on a winter's morning, it leaves us more vulnerable to being held up, and whoever steals our cigarettes etc. will have no conscience when it comes to selling to children, as long as they get their cash!

I would like to think that you will take note of the above, but in this world of big brother, I will not hold my breath!

Yours sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

[REDACTED]

Department of Health Standardised Packaging Consultation.
PO Box 1126,
Canterbury,
CT1 9NB.

28th July 2014.

Dear Mr Jeremy Hunt MP,

Re: Formal consultation response to cigarette plain packaging.

I am writing in response to the formal consultation of cigarette plain packaging. I have owned and operated a convenience store in Loughborough for the past 32 years and would like to add my voice to this consultation. I feel the introduction of plain packaging would be a further burden on my business bearing in mind that I have just recently had to adapt my store for the forthcoming display ban in April 2015. I keep hearing and reading that your government is pro small business but this in my opinion is yet another hurdle for my business and many businesses like mine.

Independent convenience stores are currently experiencing challenging trading conditions, several supermarkets have opened hundreds of their own local stores, continue to open more at a greater pace, and competing with these multinationals is difficult. About twenty percent of my customers purchase a tobacco product and their footfall leads to the purchase of additional products. I fear that if all cigarette packaging appears the same, customers will find it more difficult distinguish between brands and therefore quality, and will opt for the cheapest cigarettes, affecting my margins. We all rely on brand names on packaging to make purchasing decisions every day and it would be unfair and burdensome on consumers to lose the ability to distinguish between brands by quickly glancing at the packaging of tobacco products.

Furthermore, speaking practically, the forthcoming display ban will already mean that my transaction times will increase. More importantly, whilst opening and closing gentry doors, my back will be turned, possibly leading to an increase in thefts. By introducing plain packaging, that transaction time will increase further still because if all of the packets appear the same, I will need to spend a few seconds extra reading the text on the packets to ensure that I select the correct pack as requested by the customer, further exacerbating the likelihood of thefts. That text coincidentally will be in the same small font on all packets.

I am concerned also by the EU Tobacco Products Directive coming into effect in 2016 which will ban the sale of packets with under twenty cigarettes or under 30g of tobacco. My business is situated near a Housing Association estate and many of my customers purchase cigarettes in packs of ten or 12.5g packs of tobacco because it is all they can afford. I fear I will lose these customers from 2016 and that some may turn to illicit tobacco which is already a problem in Loughborough as is it nationwide. The removal of branding from packs will of course make it easier for criminals to produce counterfeit tobacco products.

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E-MAIL: [REDACTED]

I have read evidence from Australia which indicated that there has been an increase in the illicit trade in tobacco since the introduction of plain packaging. This is a key consideration I believe, because the sale of tobacco products in my store is a legitimate trade, is carefully controlled, all duties are paid, I work hard to ensure that these products are not sold to persons under the age of 18, and I of course satisfy Trading Standards to this effect. Criminals do not care how old their customers are, whether their illicit tobacco is being bought for consumption by children, care about the quality and safety of their illicit tobacco, and not to mention how the proceeds of their crime will be spent on perhaps further criminal activity.

Finally, whilst the health warnings on packs are an important message to consumers, the EU Tobacco Products Directive will increase these warnings to 65% of the packet, making the case for plain packaging less appealing considering the burden it will place on retailers who sell tobacco products and the consumers who may become confused over branding and quality.

For the reasons I have detailed, I believe that cigarette plain packaging should not be introduced.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this letter.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Dear Sir/Madam

PLAIN PACKAGING RESPONSE

We write confirm our protest to plain packaging of cigarettes, clearly people who smoke are going to smoke and any attempts to disguise the product or product type will prove fruitless.

The issues this proposal will cause regarding confusion of brands and in particular the ease at which counterfeit cigarettes will be enabled to be produced will only add to a further loss of revenue to HM custom and Excise

Yours Faithfully

[REDACTED]

Director



Dear Jeremy HUNT MP AND STATE THAT IT IS A FORMAL CONSULTATION RESPONSE.

PLAIN PACKAGING IS YET ANOTHER BURDEN ON RETAILERS BECAUSE

- 1) IT WILL FRUSTRATE MY CUSTOMERS AS I NEED TO SPEND MORE TIME SERVING THEM.
- 2) FUEL THE BLACK MARKET
- 3) TIME WASTING FOR MYSELF AND MY STAFF



[REDACTED]

Dear Jeremy Hunt MP

As an Independent Retailer I would like to intimate my objection to the Governments proposed Plain Packaging of Tobacco Products.

We have as a trade been subjected to numerous changes within the tobacco category over past few years and like all my colleagues within trade we have adhered to those changes and have certainly seen our business suffer.

This new proposal is just another piece of legislation that will ensure that the independent trade suffer with the large multi-store companies gaining yet again from government support.

Plain packaging will increase the illicit trade that is without question.

In summary I as an independent retailer strongly object to the introduction of plain packaging as it will have a detrimental effect on my business.

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31 July 2014

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Criminals do not care about age, those that deal in illicit tobacco are responsible for supplying to those who are under age.

It is in BOTH of our interests to eliminate illicit trade. If I sell more legitimate tobacco the government earns more in tax!

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

This is in response to the consultation on plain packaging

Dear Mr Sir,

My family and I run a local shop in North Lanarkshire Scotland and we are concerned that cigarettes will have to be sold in plain packs similar to Australia, this will prove very difficult for us in many ways, our staff will find it difficult to locate on our display and customers will potentially switch to illegal purchases which will harm our footfall and ultimately our profits in our shop, please reconsider bringing this law into force.

[REDACTED]

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30.3.14

Dear Sir,

"This is a formal letter in response to the consultation on Plain Packaging of cigarettes

I have a small newsagents on the outskirts of Glasgow and rely on cigarettes as a big part of my business.

I feel strongly that if the government brings in plain packaging my footfall will decrease

as my customers will purchase their cigarettes

illegally instead, less customers means less

money in my till and myself and my family will suffer as a result.

Please reconsider your proposals.

[REDACTED]

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Dear Mr. Hunt.

This is in opposition to the formal consultation period on plain packaging of tobacco products.

As a Retailer in Sotford, I feel that this would be detrimental to my business and the profits I make. Cigarettes are already highly taxed and if all cigarettes took the same then customers will switch to cheaper brands meaning less profit in our pockets.

This will also push customers to the black market where criminals sell their products to anyone regardless of age.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Mr Jeremy Hunt MP
Department of Health
Standardised Packaging Consultation
PO Box 1126
Canterbury
CT1 9NB

29 July 2014

Dear Mr Hunt MP

Response to Plain Packaging Consultation

I hereby wish to register my objection to the proposed changes and introduction of plain packaging for tobacco goods.

The reasons for my objection are:

I believe that plain packaging is an unnecessary piece of legislation that will be of no further benefit to reducing tobacco consumption. Due to the retail display ban, which comes into full effect from 6 April 2015, this will have the result that products only being visible to tobacco consumers only. Therefore it will mean that only customers who wish to smoke will see the goods and as they know the brands they wish to buy changing the packaging will not alter this.

I fear and believe that removing brand identity will make products easier to counterfeit and undermine the legitimate trade. There is a real danger that consumers will be duped into buying goods that are not genuine as the current packaging is much more difficult to replicate. It is already evident from research from Australia that there has been an increase in the illegal trade of tobacco. Surely this is the area that should be being addressed.

In addition to this there will be a significant and direct impact on businesses for example, increased transaction times and staff requiring extra training to identify the brands.

I am totally against plain packaging on tobacco products and in my opinion it stands to serve no real purpose.

Yours sincerely

[Redacted signature block]

[REDACTED]

31st July 2014

Re: Proposed Plain Packaging of Tobacco Products

To whom it may concern,

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As far as I am aware, evidence from countries that have already implemented this policy, have proven that the implementation of plain packaging has not delivered the planned decreases in either the number of smokers or consumption levels.

Yours sincerely,

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Kind regards,

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30/7/2014,

Dear Jeremy Hunt MP,

This is a formal consultation response.

Introducing standardised packaging would put the responsible legal supply chain at risk. The more you make tobacco look like an 'under-the-counter' product, the more you make the illegal supply appear to be attractive. Customers in general are down trading to cheaper brands and if all packs looked the same and the price is not easily seen. The cheaper illegal tobacco will flourish for its ability to openly state price to those who wish to save themselves the hassle of remembering what price their preferred brand is at the shops.

Evidence from Australia (KPMG) indicates that there has been an increase in illicit tobacco trade since plain packaging was introduced. Since the introduction 67% of Association of Convenience Stores say the growth of the black market has had an impact on their business.

Most retailers share your desire to improve public health and they comply with regulations on the sale of tobacco. They need less red tape not more.

As a small local shop (CTN) I rely heavily on tobacco to generate footfall and for cash flow purposes complying with tobacco legislation and making very low profits from its sale.

To make it invisible (tobacco) in shops, it will not only cost jobs, but the loss of many small traders like myself who depend on tobacco sales to drive their business.

Retaining the status quo on tobacco packaging is the best option for effective longterm tobacco control in the UK.

Your sincerely,
[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

15th AUGUST, 2014.

Jeremy Hunt M.P.
Dept. of Health,
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Wellington House,
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Dear Mr. Hunt,

I write in response to the plain packaging consultation which I believe is a totally unnecessary piece of regulation and a burden on our business.

Plain packaging will most definitely increase the illicit tobacco trade, which will lead to less footfall in my shop and less turnover.

Yours Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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31st July 2014

Dear Jeremy Hunt MP

(Formal Consultation Response)

As the manager of a busy retail store in [REDACTED] I believe that plain packaging on cigarettes will be a further burden to us as retailers.

I feel that the Government should be supporting small local businesses instead of introducing more Red Tape.


These larger packs will mean consumers will be making fewer purchases which will ultimately reduce the footfall to our store and there is the additional cost to training staff whenever plain packaging is introduced.

I believe that products will be easier to counterfeit and will undermine our legitimate trade so the Government are making it easier for criminals to operate.

I would urge you to rethink this motion.

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24TH July 2014

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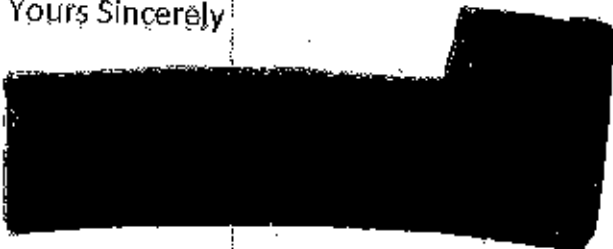
Dear Jeremy Hunt

I am writing to you concerning the retailers formal consultation response, I am opposed to the plain packaging policy being considered as this will have a massive impact on my business.

The sale of tobacco products encourages customers in to my shop and the restrictions of packing sizes can only encourage people to buy from illegal sources. This will also mean extra staff training will need to be incurred. This legislation will only impose more red tape and additional burdens on our business.

Please consider our concerns and help us to stay in business.

Yours Sincerely



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Kind regards,

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31.07.14

RETAILER'S FORMAL CONSULTATION RESPONSE.

Dear Jeremy Hunt MP,

As a newsagent for over 30 years I fail to understand the current government thinking on 'Plain Packaging' and the new legislation on going dark due to come in to operation next year. Being a responsible retailer no facts or figures have shown me that either covering up or going plain packaging will result in smokers stopping smoking. It is my view these moves will only force people down the road of purchasing illicit product.

We have already seen this happen over the last number of years. Constant price increases have forced many of our customers to look for cheap tobacco from illegal sources.

And I believe that this will only increase when we go dark and escalate if plain packaging were to be introduced.

Our business has already seen this happen over past few years. Significant price increases have forced many of our customers to look for cheap counterfeit product which becomes more and more available as more restrictions are put on the legal trade. It will be too easy for the criminal world to copy plain packaging.

I currently employ thirty five members of staff but as our turnover and profits fall, I fear for the future of my staff. I urge all people involved in producing the legislation to think again on plain packaging. Create an environment for responsible retailers rather than pushing this business further and further towards the black market.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

To Whom It May Concern:

I am the manager of a local supermarket, supplying the local community for over 20 years. I am opposed to plain packaging being introduced on tobacco products as I am of the opinion it will have a detrimental effect on my business, which is already suffering due to the introduction of shutter doors on the tobacco gantries. This has already made the serving of tobacco products more difficult and has increased waiting times at the checkouts. I believe these new measures will have no effect on the amount of people who smoke.

We already work closely with the Council regarding age related sales and I believe these proposed new measures are going to drive customers towards more illicit ways of obtaining tobacco products, therefore resulting in a loss to the Revenue.

Regards

[REDACTED]

Re: Plain Packaging on Cigarettes

To: Jeremy Hunt MP

Dear Sir

I am against plain packaging for the following reasons :-

Counterfeiting - Counterfeiters will have a field day with this with the downside that all sorts of hazardous materials will be used in their manufacture and no control over who they sell to, as well as the lost revenue for both trader and obviously alot more for HM .

It has been said that young smokers find present packaging attractive -- I have to ask if anyone has started to smoke because the packaging enticed them? -- Another political soundbite.

If the pictures and warnings are too shocking it will not make anyone give up but will cause them to find alternative supplies - illicit - from sources that are not controlled by EU/UK legislation or come to me and buy cigarette cases/boxes to put them into and so will be counter-productive.

With the big cover up of cigarette gannies - and plain packaging is still being considered ? please look at above points.

Yet more proposals from people that do not understand the industry and how it works, who are suggesting laws that are counter - productive and inconvenient to legitimate traders who are on the same side yet no-one listens to us. Why don't these lawmakers talk to us to find solutions rather than trying to find a political gain. Believe it or not, we do know what we are talking about.

Yours Faithfully

[Redacted Signature]

Tel: [Redacted]

VAT No. [Redacted]

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31/7/14

Dear Jeremy Hunt MP

I am writing with my concern with a formal
consultation response to plain packaging.


The Government is supposed to be supporting small
shops but it has become apparent with all the red
tape and placing additional burden & costs on retailers this
is not the case.

Also in the area there is a high amount of
counterfeit cigarettes and tobacco, and if removing more
brands from our shelves this will only contribute
to the rise in these illegal trade.

The effect of raising the minimum tobacco purchase
to 30g for RYA tobacco will mean customers will make
fewer purchases per week, affecting & reducing my profit
and turnover.

I hope my concerns are received

Yours faithfully
[REDACTED]



Friday 1st August 2014

Formal Consultation Response to the Proposed Plain Packaging of Tobacco Products

Dear Jeremy Hunt MP,

I write this letter in strong opposition to the Government's proposed plain packaging for tobacco products.

You are supposed to be supporting Independent Retailers – but time and time again you introduce more red tape and place additional burdens on us. I share your willingness to improve public health – but this is not the answer.

I have been looking at the evidence from Australia very closely. Early evidence suggests that people are not stopping smoking, they are merely 'down-trading' and being driven by price. If UK customers followed the same pattern, they would just start buying it illegally from pubs / street corners.....anywhere other than MY SHOP!

I make very little on tobacco, but it drives my footfall. Footfall leads to purchases of other items in my store, and without this my business would close overnight.

Plain packaging on tobacco – what next? Plain packaging on crisps, sweets, fast food? Where does this end. Once you take away branding, you take away a person's freedom of choice and their civil liberties. This is not the principles this great country we live in was founded on.

Yours Faithfully,



(Retailers Formal Consultation
Response)

Dear Jeremy Hunt MP.

The government is supposed to be
helping "small shops" but instead they
are imposing more red-tape and putting
more pressure on a very tight
budget. "PLEASE THINK AGAIN."

Yours faithfully,


30/7/14

[REDACTED]

Dear Jeremy Hunt MP,

I would like to write to you today to inform you of my absolute disgust around the decision to introduce tobacco plain packing within the UK and Scotland. I feel this decision is nothing more than a policy designed to work against independent retailers (who have to pay taxes for this very reason) and a cheap opportunity to make headlines. The policy itself has no substance at all.


I would politely ask you to put yourself in the shoes of a person who is working 7 days a week trying to make a hard living rather than to think about millionaires in penthouses when you make proposals such as this.

Independent retailers do not under any circumstances take lightly any sales of cigarettes especially to underage members of the public. However we always seem to be singled out by the government as easy pickings when looking for a bit of media publicity. I would also suggest actually looking into what a child actually spends their pocket money on. I suggest by conducting the research you would be surprised to find out that in fact you are more likely to see the money spent on downloads, computer games and gadgets rather than tobacco and other items designed for adult use.

The only real impact I can see this having is encouraging illegal tax free cigarettes to be sold by criminals, making it harder for us independent retailers to establish the real ones from the fakes. Currently we are not even able to make a profit on cigarettes due to the absurd taxation already placed on us but at least allow us the opportunity to sell these legally.

My last and final comment would be to show me the evidence that changing the packaging would have a positive effect on the market and also on myself as an independent retailer. I would ask one more time to please consider the full impact before making your decision.

Yours sincerely
[REDACTED]



Dear Jeremy Hunt MP,

As an independent retailer I am TOTALLY against Tobacco plain packing now or in the future.

Time and time again we have being hit. There is no profit in selling cigarettes as you have taxed them to the limit.


This whole change will not deter people who want to smoke; this will allow consumers to purchase them from illicit market which will decrease our sales. You r also hitting consumers from foreign country who purchase cigarettes by looking at the pack as they can't speak English

How Much money will be spent on changing the unit it does not justify.

What evidence do you have that plain packaging will help consumers from smoking less?

All we want is the ability to sell a legal product to our eligible customers.

Yours sincerely



[REDACTED]

Friday 1st August 2014

Formal Consultation Response to the Proposed Plain Packaging of Tobacco Products

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Plain packaging is yet another burden on law abiding, tax paying businesses! The retail display ban on tobacco has not even come into effect for small shops.....and you want to impose more restrictions?!

You are wrong to assume that plain packaging will have a positive effect on reducing instances of smoking - people will still smoke! The only difference you will see is an increase in the illicit trade (which is already a massive problem!), by making it easier for criminals to counterfeit. You are completely undermining my legitimate trade.

If you want to drive this industry into the hands of criminals, then be ready for an increase in youth smoking. I will never and have never sold a tobacco product to any person under the age of 18 - can you say the same for the criminals involved in the illicit trade?

I hope that common sense prevails in this consultation, and you not only shelve - but abolish any plans to introduce plain packaging. People are fed up with the 'nanny state' that is being driven in this country, the results of the recent EU elections have shown you this.

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]



Department of Health
Standardised Tobacco Packaging Consultation
PO Box 1126
Canterbury
CT1 9NB

To whom it may concern

I have been a retailer for only 6 months now with most of my trade being made up from the sale of tobacco and newspapers I am struggling as the profit generated from this minor I don't know how I'm going to survive once the retail display ban is imposed in April 2015 then the proposed plain packaging will destroy my business like the age of technology is destroying by decreasing my newspaper readers. The age of technology makes it so much easier to get information that people have the chose and ability to make their own decisions that the introduction of plain packaging has no place or reasoning.

I'm disappointed that you have made a u-turn with regards the introduction of plain packaging. I feel there is no logic in what you are trying to propose that all reports that have been published and facts that have be collated in other countries such as Canada, Australia, and Thailand that there has been no reduction in the number of smokers rather the opposite and more importantly an increase illicit trade. That then has a huge impact on revenue received by the government from the sales of cigarettes from controlled and regulated outlets and small stores like myself.

The time taken to serve customers is going to be frustrating for my customers and myself. I'm also worried about the potential increase in theft in my store whilst I'm looking for the brand my customer wants someone else will be robbing me blind.

I would appreciate your support. You have much to gain by reconsidering this concept as the implications of your decisions have greater consequences then you have calculated.

Sincerely,



Owner

[Redacted]

Department of Health standardised packaging consultation
PO Box 1122
Canterbury
CT1 9NB

Dear Jeremy Hunt,

I am writing to you to say what a waste of time and total nonsense this would be.
As of next year, I am going to have to cover my stock prior to selling it (Retail Display Ban) so
customers won't see any brands anyway
My 2 main concerns would be, big delays in a simple transaction and a bigger rise in
counterfeit stock being sold on the streets

Yours

[Redacted]

[REDACTED]

Re: Proposed Plain Packaging of Tobacco Products

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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Department of Health
Standardized Packaging Consultation
PO BOX 1120
CATENBURY
CT1 9NB

[REDACTED]

RE: PLAIN PACKAGING CONSULTATION

I am an independant retailer and I am seriously concerned at the proposals of introducing plain packaging on tobacco products. It will make it very difficult to identify different brands and will cause massive confusion for both staff and for customers.

We are responsible in what we sell to as we don't sell to under 18's and the proposals will not deter kids from smoking but will only increase counterfeit stock being made available.

Where is the evidence to show that plain packaging will stop kids from smoking?

I am totally against plain packaging for now and in the future.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Spat Store
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Department of Health standardised packaging consultation
PO Box 1122
Canterbury
CT1 9NB

Dear Jeremy Hunt,

I am writing to you to show my disgust at the proposed move to have all tobacco plain packaged. This will have a massive effect on my business as staff will be unable to see what the customer needs quickly hence causing delays, staff giving customers the wrong product and then having to refund it, customers unable to see the brand they want as they can't remember the name, all these things will hold up customers, cause queues and have customers leaving the shop and not coming back because we are too slow - and for what? something that's going to make absolutely zero effect to the amount of people that smoke or who want to smoke. In fact doing this will only make it more glamorous for young children to smoke as it will look cool as you are trying to stop them. This will lead to children smoking younger and hence more illicit tobacco sold in my area as it's the only way the kids will be able to get it which will in turn lead to more criminal gangs as it will become bigger business.

Having to put pictures on the packets has made no effect on sales but hasn't affected the way I trade but doing this will have even less impact but will massively affect my trade. I just hope you reconsider what is a really stupid idea and is actually going to hurt a lot of people trying to make an honest living and is just a pointless operation to think standardising packaging is going to make a difference is mind bogglingly ridiculous - hopefully you will see sense.

If you think I am wrong then take a look at other countries such as Australia where it hasn't worked

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

TOBACCO PACKS CONSULTATION
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
7th FLOOR

WELLINGTON HOUSE
133-135 WATERLOO ROAD
LONDON SE1 8UG

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]


Dated 31-7-14

RE: CONSULTATION OF STANDARDISED PACKING OF
TOBACCO PRODUCTS

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I AM AGAINST ANY INTRODUCTION OF
STANDARDISED ~~PACKING~~ PACKAGING OF TOBACCO.
THIS WILL ONLY INCOURAGE COUNTERFEITERS TO
PROFITS FROM ILLEGAL - FAKE TOBACCO. IT WILL
ALSO ~~W~~ TAKE AWAY CUSTOMERS FREEDOM TO BE
ABLE TO CHOOSE A LEGITIMATE - LEGAL PRODUCT
I LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR RESPONSE

YOURS FAITHFULLY
[REDACTED]



Thursday 31st July 2014

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Yours Faithfully,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Date 30/07/14
To MR Jeremy Hunt MP

Re -: Opposition to plain packaging on cigarette packets

Dear Sir

I run a small convenience store in Tufnell Park (North London) and I am writing to you regards the plain packaging on cigarette packs for which I understand there is going to be a consultation in the parliament on 7th of August 2014

I am writing because I am really worried for my livelihood as already our sales have plummeted since having to go dark on the display of the cigarettes

As it is now we have to spend time opening up and trying to remember where the actual cigarettes are on our blackened display and at least we can identify the brand from its design. Although we have lost our sales we are getting more concerned that plain packaging will ultimately get the smokers to turn to illegal sellers in pubs and clubs where there is no restriction to who buys and this will lead to extra loss in footfall through our doors. Ultimately a loss to us as well as HMRC in lost Vat as well as taxation

Also I feel that by making it compulsory for plain packaging represents a Nanny State which is far too much as the Adult Consumer is increasingly treated as a child who would not be able to make an informed decision for themselves. For smokers purchasing the packets can already read

Director: [REDACTED]
Registration No: [REDACTED]
VAT REG No: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Sir,

Re: Proposed plain packaging of tobacco products.

We feel the proposal of the white packing will affect our business in a very negative way. We feel not only would it increase delays in the store, but customers will start using the illegal trade which is prevalent in the area. This could lead to reduced staff costs as this is my only variable cost. As we have already been forced at significant inconvenience to cover the unit, which obviously negates any requirement for further restriction within the form of plain packaging.

Yours faithfully,
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Dear Sir,

I do not agree with PLAN PACK AS
WILL FRUSTRATE my customers as I need to
SPEND more time serving them. ALSO IT WILL
INCREASE THE fake Cigarette.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Fax [REDACTED]
Email [REDACTED]

25/07/2014

To Whom It May Concern Department Of Health,

It is with great concern that I am writing this letter, highlighting my concerns over plain cigarette packaging.

The main concern is that yet again the government are putting another "nail in the coffin" for [REDACTED] stores that are law abiding citizens such as us and the vast majority of shop keepers. We work 12 hours a day 7 days a week in order to make a living from our stores and I believe that the fundamental reasons behind customers coming to us in the first place is because we offer a far superior service than the mult's and customers are confident they will get the legitimate brand they require.

If the new legislation is passed this will deter customers using us, as they will be met with high levels of confusion as the packets will look the same and it will increase our serving times which will have a "knock on" effect to our customers, losing us business.

This coupled with the high volumes of illicit trade that are currently on going will fuel the black market trade, and drive more customers underground. It will have a devastating effect on shopkeepers who undergo legal compliance procedures within the government guidelines to help the prevention of underage sales and keep crime to a minimum. If plain packets are allowed this will help crime organised gangs to continue, if not increase the volume they do.

Regards
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Dear Jeremy that up

I am a experienced retailer in the independent retail sector. I have always supported legislative implementation of measures to control the supply and sale of tobacco products.

I believe we are now about to take a step to fit and therefore feel I must refer to the consultation on plain packaging of tobacco products. This will place additional strains on my business above that will be created by the display ban which has not even been implemented yet. I think it is very ungrateful of the government to claim that we as retailers will benefit from a reduction in transaction funds; where is the evidence to support this? The truth is that my staff and I will need more time to identify a brand set loss!!

If prices are all the same it will become a significantly more 'price driven' market as there will be no brand identity among my customers. They will down trade and my profits will shrink to less than what they currently are due to constant taxation.

I pay particular attention to the ages of those who use a tobacco product, making use of the 'challenge 25' program, unfortunately the criminal gangs who operated in this market do not care about age. Plain packaging will be easier to copy and divide the market into their hands, in doing so undoing all the solid work that have been done to reduce incidents of smoking among younger people.

Whatever happened to freedom of choice and democracy? My business may and most likely will suffer beyond repair should plain packaging come into effect. Now that's how we support our small businesses.

Yours Sincerely,
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

31-07-2014

Dear sir/Madam

I am writing in regards to the new plain packaging, as we all know that business is getting harder and harder day by day, I think this will be a big mistake as duty free cigarettes could be sold on the market and this could have a big impact on business, as well as loosing cigarette sales there is chances of loosing non cigarette sales as well and I believe this will have a big impact on the market for all retailers and also wholesalers

I hope you strongly take this into consideration

Hope to hear from you soon

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (director)

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

DEAR SIR,

PLEASE DO NOT HAVE PLAIN PACKS ON
CIGARETTES, AS I WILL LOOSE CUSTOMERS
IT WILL FUEL THE BLACK MARKET IN
COUNTERFEIT AND SMUGGLED TOBACCO. I
BELIEVE THIS WILL NOT BENEFIT BY HAVING
~~PLAIN~~ PLAIN PACKAGES.

THANKING YOU,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
31-7-14

Dear Jeremy MB It is a formal consultation response
I don't want plain pack because it frustrate my
customers as I need to spend more time serving them
and also increse illegal sale

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

For the attention of Mr. Jeremy Hunt

Dear Sir

I am worried about the restricted dark market and the effect this is going to have on my business already next year. With the introduction of plain packaging it is going to be difficult to recognise easily the difference in brands and restocking correctly. This will only affect my profit that is low already due to the high taxes that you collect on cigarettes.

I follow the guidelines with regard to under age selling of cigarettes strictly and I feel that you are using the legitimate retailers as a scapegoat in introducing more policies that will not change children's impressions on smoking.

I would feel better if you had proof that plain packaging would do what you want it to do but you have none and we, the retailer are guinea pigs and losing our livelihoods in the process.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]
[Redacted]
[Redacted]

Tel: [Redacted]
Fax: [Redacted]

Email: [Redacted]

Dear Mr Jeremy Hunt

~~I am writing this letter to get my point over of NOT HAVING PLAIN CIGARETTE~~
PACKAGING. We as an independent convenience store feel that this is totally out of order as because as of April 2015 doors will be fitted to our tobacco gantry so plain packaging will be of no use other than:-

- increasing illegal sales of tobacco products
- forcing small stores out of business or laying staff off
- increasing profits for criminals
- decreasing government tax off tobacco products in turn putting more taxes on other products

The need to tackle smoking is understandable but PLAIN packaging is not the answer, as this, as I have said before will lead to more illegal sales and the trade being forced underground and with so many cuts being made in this country i.e. Customs and excise and police forces I see the illegal trade of tobacco products increasing if PLAIN packaging is introduced.

I understand that you are a busy person but feel this is an issue that could force a lot off businesses out of business and a lot of people out of work.

Yours sincerely

[Redacted Signature]

Director

Dear Jeremy Hunt MP

This is a formal consultation response

I would like to give you my reasons as to why I don't think plain packaging will work. Firstly it will greatly increase the serving time for our staff, also cause major confusion for our staff trying to figure out what pack is what. My main reason is I also think it will greatly increase the number of illegal cigarettes that will come to the UK.

Regards

[Redacted]

Spar

[Redacted]

SPAR STORE

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

TEL: [REDACTED]

31/07/2014

JEREMY HUNT MP.

Dear Jeremy,

This is a formal consultation response to Plain Packaging.
The Government is set to lose millions of pounds of revenue because under plain packaging the illegal trade will definitely flourish. Plain packaging will delay service to customers. It has had no effect ⁱⁿ to countries where it has already been introduced. The price of tobacco alone has already become a deterrent for people buying these products and this alone is enough to stop young children buying tobacco.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

OWNER/MANAGER

31-7-14

[REDACTED] / COSTUMER

DEAR JEREMY HUNT MP

THIS IS A FORMAL CONSULTATION RESPONSE I DON'T
WANT PLAIN PACKAGING BECAUSE IT WILL PULL
BLACK MARKET SALES WHICH CAN AFFECT MY
BUSINESS AND WILL ALSO INCREASE TIME OF
SERVING CUSTOMERS.



Re: Proposed Plain Packaging of Tobacco Products

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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
30TH OF July 2014

Dear Jeremy Hunt MP

RESPONSE TO PLAIN PACKAGING CONSULTATION

I am independent retailer who has owned a business for the last 10 years.

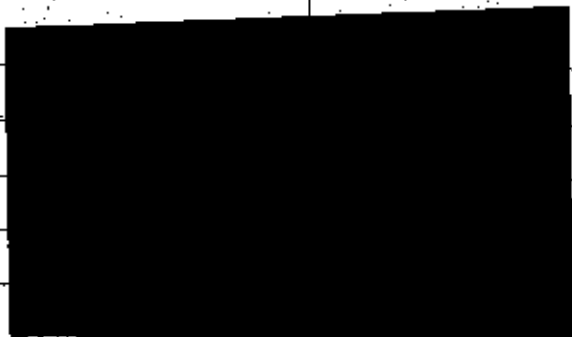
The introduction of plain packaging will fuel the illicit trade in tobacco, consumers will be unable to identify the legitimate product from the illegal pack introduced by criminals.

The transaction times within my store will increase, as staff will take longer to identify the different brands, the majority of my staff have English as a second language and therefore this will compound the issue, as they currently identify the brands by the different colour packs. The products will already be hidden from view, as the Retail Display ban will take effect from 6 April 2015 & consumers will not see the products when they enter the store.

Health warnings will increase to 65% of the pack when the EU tobacco directive comes into force on 16 May 2016, therefore why the need for more regulation.

I am totally against the introduction of plain packaging now and in the future.

Yours sincerely
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]



29th July 2018

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing as a shopkeeper to explain my opposition to plain packaging of cigarettes.

Plain packaging will lead to slower identification of brands by staff members, which in turn will maximise the length of time the doors are open as the cigarette gankry. I am led to believe that the doors should be opened for as short a time as possible.

I believe that plain packaging will encourage more counterfeiting of cigarettes as the packaging will be much easier to replicate.

Plain packaging will not discourage young

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Objections to Plain Packaging

Our main concerns over the introduction of plain packaging are

1. The potential for a large increase in smuggling of tobacco products which not only avoids paying tax and duties but also negates age restriction regulations.
2. Having born the cost of fitting plain clear cabinets within the industry to hold packaging it would seem ludicrous to then remove branding.
3. Our opinion is that in the

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best value locally

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To
DEPT OF HEALTH,
STANDARDISED PACKAGING
CONSULTATION,
P O BOX 1126
CANTERBURY

Telephone: [REDACTED]

28.7.14.

CT1 9NB

Dear Mr Hunt,

I am writing to you today in response to the proposal for plain packaging to be implemented on tobacco products.

Surely this is a bridge too far, given that all products are completely obscured by the new screening legislation!!

Hard hit small retailers like myself will suffer directly, retaining will be difficult in practice and how on earth will you tackle the obvious window that implementing this proposal will give to the counterfeiters, I believe that plain packs will just drive the market underground. Think of the implications that will arise if this proposal is carried.

Yours faithfully
[REDACTED]

DIRECTOR

Registered Office: [REDACTED]

Company Reg. No. [REDACTED] VAT Reg. [REDACTED]

Director: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]
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I VERY STRONGLY DISAGREE
WITH PLAIN PACKS AS MY
TRADE WILL SUFFER AND
I'M WORRIED ABOUT MY BUSINESS





Dear Sir/Madam

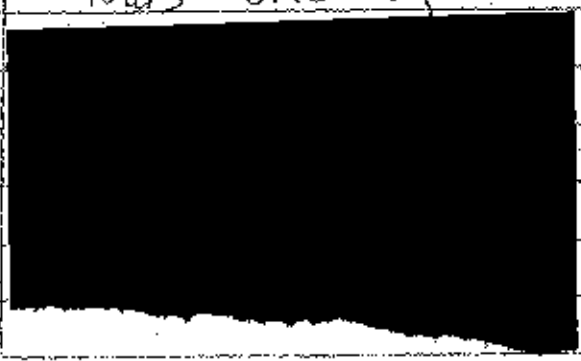
I am writing in opposition of the governments ill thought out to introduce Tobacco Plain Packaging. All this will do is create numerous problems for retailers. This will include costs funding your advertising and the cost of having to hire additional staff to deal with slower customers.

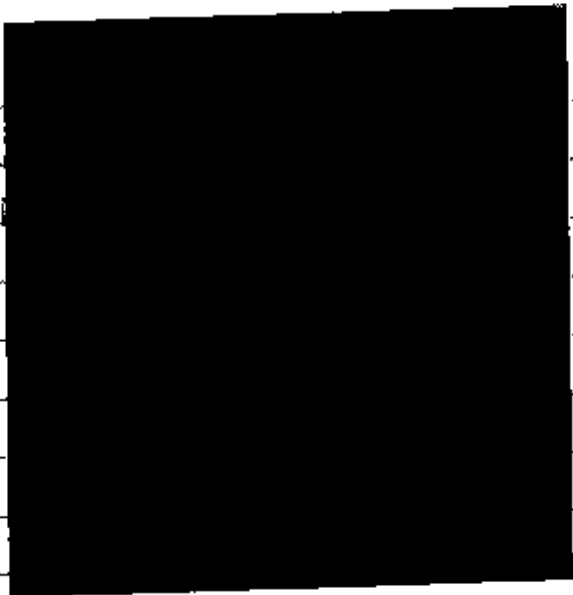
We already make no money from selling cigarettes due to the taxes you place upon them.

Independent retailers already have enough difficulties, please do not increase them.

We ensure we carry out all sales in a legal way. Cigarettes are a legal product to adults so we should be able to sell them in the same way as any other age related product.

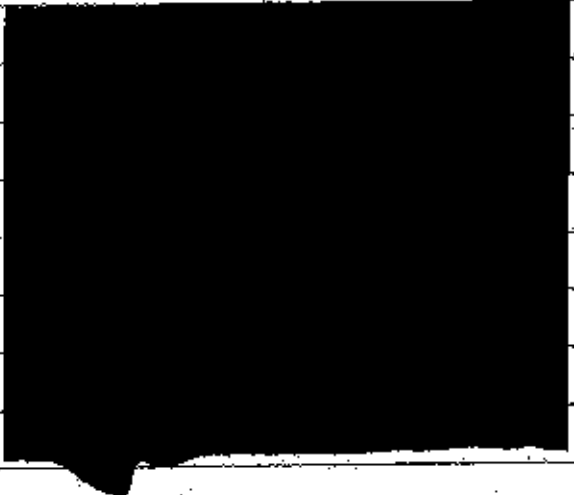
Yours Sincerely





DEAR SETL

I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY DISAPPOINTMENT
AT THE STUPID PLAN TO PUT TOBACCO IN PLAIN PACKAGING
TO CREATE EVEN MORE PROBLEMS / TIME WASTED FOR
THE SMALL INDEPENDENT RETAILER WHO IS ALREADY
ACTING AS A FREE TAX / DUTY COLLECTION FOR
THE GOVERNMENT AS THERE IS NO PROFIT ON TOBACCO
AS IT IS ! TO FURTHER BURDEN US IS JUST
PUSHING US AWAY FROM SELLING TOBACCO ANYMORE,
AND WILL PUSH THE CONSUMERS INTO GOING DOWN
THE DUTY FREE PURCHASES ON THE BLACK MARKET,
SHOW SOME SENSE PLEASE.





Dear Sir/Madam,

I AM A RETAILER WHO SELLS TOBACCO, AND I
AM OPPOSED TO PLAN PACKAGING.


Having plan packaging would increase shopping TIME, customer
TIME and queues that will cause build up causing problems
to convenience stores.

It will also cause more chance of fake tobacco to hit
the market in the UK as it will be easier for them
to make.

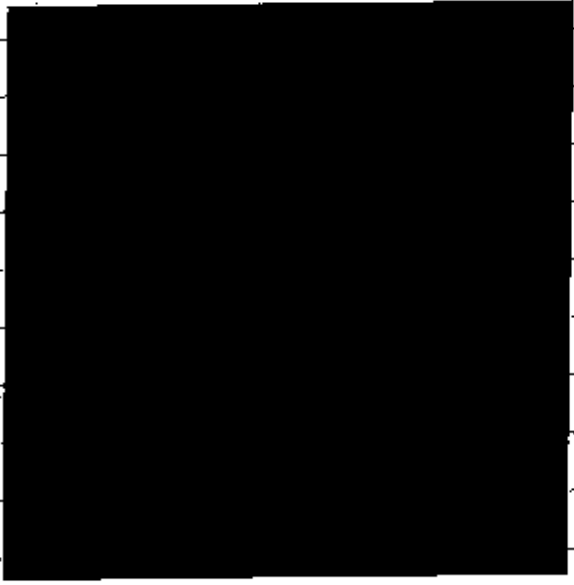
I do not understand why as part of the EU, the UK have
implemented this rule, on plan packaging.




20/3/16



I will find it frustrating that when the law changes that my customers will be unable to see what cigarette products we sell. Counterfeit will be all over our town as plain packaging will not help us! Re training staff/time consuming will effect my sales which will not be good for our store.






DEAR SIR/MADAM

PLEASE MAY I STRESS THAT PLAIN PACKAGING IS NOT A GOOD IDEA AT ALL IN FACT IT WILL BE A HAVEN FOR CRIMINALS TO PACK ILLEGAL TOBACCO WHICH IS NO GOOD FOR THE GOVERNMENT, ECONOMY AND WILL IT DETER PEOPLE SMOKING THEM. IT WILL THEN BE A BURDEN ON THE NHS WHICH WE DON'T WANT, BECAUSE OF ALL THE RUBBISH STUFF THEY ARE MADE OF. ~~BE~~ MORE PEOPLE WILL DIE OF CANCER. PLEASE DO THINK LONG AND HARD BEFORE YOU MAKE THIS DECISION.

THANK YOU



30/7/2016

Dear Jeremy Hunt MP,

This is a formal consultation response. I am writing to say I do not agree with plain packaging. It will be a big burden to all retailers on top of the retail display ban, which is due to come in April 2015. It will be difficult enough to find cigarette packets once they are behind doors, let alone they all look identical. It will take much longer to find packs, increasing transaction time, therefore customers becoming impatient. Eventually, customers will stop coming into the shop for their tobacco brands, reducing footfall which will reduce turnover as cigarette smokers generally purchase additional items.

For these reasons, I am totally against plain packaging.
Look forward to hearing your response.

Rewards

[Redacted]
[Redacted] (Manager)

DATE 29/7/19

Dear Jeremy Hunt MP,
Consultation on Standardised Packaging of Tobacco Products.

I am Independent Retailer and have been in business for 25yrs. Plain packaging is an unnecessary regulation, health warnings will increase to 65% of the pack under EU Tobacco Products Directive.

It will take large Rn staff to identify product making the transaction not only slower but more risky.

Please note there is no profit in selling cigarettes as you have taxed them to the hilt. All we want is the ability to sell a LEGAL product to our eligible customer. Is that too much to ask??

I am totally against Tobacco Plain Packaging either now or in the future.

Yours Sincerely

[REDACTED]

Dear Jeremy Hunt mp

I am writing a formal consultation response to the proposed 'plain packaging law'.

This will affect my business by increasing illegal tobacco to be sold in my area.

I am a responsible retailer and surely this will hand the initiative to criminals.

I stand to lose over 30% of sales on tobacco due to loss of footfall, and the new E.U tobacco directive will already have an effect on my business, plus there has been no evidence from Australia that this law will work.

Yours sincerely,



Dear Sir,

T doesn't agree with
PLAN packages, for the following reasons; It will hard
to know which brand is which, and it will be easy to
counterfeit,

T already work Long Days,
Every week, 2 days a week, it will be harder to control.

Yours

DEAR SIR. / MADAM

I AM A RETAILER WHO SELLS TOBACCO.
AND I AM OPPOSED TO STANDARDISATION IN PLAIN PACKAGING.
AS IT WOULD FUEL THE BLACK MARKET IN COUNTERFEIT
AND SMOGGED TOBACCO, THERE WOULD BE AN
INCREASE IN TIME SERVING CUSTOMERS FOR A VERY
SMALL RETURN IN PROFIT. THE DISPLAY BAN WILL ALSO
CAUSE THIS SITUATION.

YOURS SINCERELY

Dear Sirs

We find it very hard, as independent retailers to understand, why plain packaging on ~~Cigs~~ Tobacco products is being introduced. We are already being forced to cover our tobacco products in the near future. Why then does it matter about the packaging.

We employ 5 people in our independent store, and in this economic climate we need all sales we can muster. Tobacco is our leading consumable and we have in place all age restrictions to ensure no underage sales are made. We make no profit from Cigs as Gov Tax them, however they create footfall. Surely plain packs will be easier to copy, once again driving business to fakes. The packaging should remain the same, please consider the damage you are causing.

(owner)

(owner)


Dear Sir

AS REGARDS THE PROPOSAL FOR LEAVING (MARKETING
FOR CIGARETTES (75 SCENT) ALTOGETHER THAT THIS
SHOULD BE INTRODUCED WHEN ALL CIGARETTES ARE
GOING TO BE BEING CLOSED DOUBTS SURELY ALL
THAT WILL HAPPEN IS THAT RETAILERS WILL FIND
IT MORE DIFFICULT TO IDENTIFY THE CIGARETTES AND
THEREFORE EVEN SLOWER TO SELL THEM. THE
ONLY POSSIBLE WINNER IN THE WHOLE SCENARIO
ARE THE RETAILERS OF ILLEGAL AND OPEN
DANGEROUS PRODUCT. I FEEL THAT THIS PROPOSAL IS
ONLY TO TRY AND SCORE POINTS AND NOT TO TRY
AND REMOVE SMOKE

30 - July 2014.

Dear JEREMY HUNT, MP

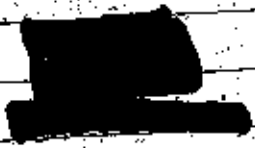
This is a formal consultation response.
I'm Mr Charles whom I share the business with.
My Brother Harry, we've been here over 21yrs, come through
tough times, but been relatively successful. I think the plan
packages will be a real threat to my business, has it costs
for sites 50% of turn-over, the problems it will bring, will
be more smuggling of tobacco products, and if sales fall
we may have to cut back on staff.

Regards from 

Dear Jeremy Hunt MP,

This is a formal consultation response. I have been a retailer in Liverpool for over 25 years. Cig and tobacco account for around 40% of my business, for you to introduce plain packaging will have a significant effect on my business. I do not agree with plain packaging it will ~~to~~ not stop people from smoking. On the contract, it will give "counterfeiter easy" opportunities to manufacture illegal cig. This ~~not~~ will have detrimental effect on tax revenue and public safety & NHS.

Evidence in Australia has shown there has been a increase in illicit trade since plain packaging been introduced. This has an effect on all business and government as well. Therefore I totally oppose plain packaging. Looking forward to hearing your response.


(shop owner.)

31st June 2014

TOBACCO PAPER CONSUMPTION

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

7th Floor WASHINGTON HOUSE

113-115 WATERLOO ROAD

LONDON SE11 1UG

Dear Sirs,

I am really concerned about the introduction of plain packaging for tobacco. This will not prevent underage smoking, in fact will probably make it an awful lot easier.

I challenge anyone of you to visit my shop before school on a weekday and you will find no shortage of illicit tobacco being sold by underage smokers to even younger underage smokers in fact as young as 11.

Plain packaging is a charter for smugglers!

Yours faithfully,

Tobacco Papers Consultation

DEPT. OF HEALTH,

7th FLOOR

WELLINGTON HOUSE

133-155 WATERLOO ROAD

LOWLAND SE1 1UG

31/7/14

DEAR Sir,

PLAIN PACKAGING

I am writing to you urging you to reject the new plain packaging regulations which have been published for consultation.

I feel that introduction of this will be a big boost for the counterfeiters and illicit market which only will push sales towards younger underage customers who we are already keeping away from our shops.

You must be aware that plain packaging has not worked in Australia!!!

Say NO to this ill thought out legislation

Yours faithfully

31/07/2014

Tobacco Packs Consultation
Department of Health
7th floor
Wellington House
133-155 Waterloo Road
London
SE1 1UE

Dear Sirs,

I am concerned about the introduction of plain packaging because increase in illegal tobacco it will be hard to spot forgeries, loss of my profit margins due to customers down trading because of no brand loyalty and it will take a lot longer for myself and staff to serve because it will be hard to identify the brands.

Yours Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

Dept of Health Standardised

Packaging Consultation

PO Box 1122

Canterbury

CT1 9NB

Dear Jeremy Hunt

I am writing to strongly object the proposals of plain packaging of cigarette and tobacco products. It is going to cause a lot of confusion and errors for the members of staff to serve the customer with the correct product. In order to identify the correct product the unit will have to be left open longer than normally necessary which may be construed as inadvertent law breaking by leaving the consumer exposed to tobacco products compromising the retail display ban. Plain packaging will also be a gift to the counterfeiting industry, it is a well known fact that plain packaging will lead to widespread counterfeiting. This will lead to a loss of revenue for me the retailer and also the exchequer. Finally there is also going to be a huge increase in criminal activity within the local communities all over the country. I therefore strongly object to the introduction of plain packaging.

Many Thanks

Dept of health

consultation on Plain packaging

PO box 1126

Canterbury

CT1 9ND

To whom it may concern

I am an independent [redacted] retailer.

Plain packaging is yet another burden on retailers. The display ban has not even come in for small shops and the Government want to impose even more restrictions.

The Government is supposed to be supporting small shops.

Removing brands will make products easier to be counterfeit and undermine a retailers legitimate trade.



Dept of health
Consultation on plain packs.
PO Box 1126
CANTERBURY
CT1 9ND

I am an independent CTN retailer

The Government is meant to be supporting
retailers

plain packs is yett another burden on
retailers.

The Display ban has not come in yet and
now the Government want to impose more
restrictions.

The Government is suppost to be supporting
sweet shops

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Dept of health
Consultation on Plain Packs
PO Box 1126
CANTERBURY
CT1 9ND

I am an Independent CTN retailer

The Government is supposed to be supporting small shops.

Removing brands will make it easier to fake and undermine legitimate traders.

Plain Packs is yet another burden on retailers.

Why would the Government want to impose more restrictions.

OWAC12

Dear Jeremy Hunt MP

This is a formal consultation response.

I am an independent retailer with a busy convenience store in a local community. Within the family we have a total of 4 stores.

If plain packaging becomes legal, this will have a negative affect on business. The reasons for my opinion are:

- Smuggling and illegal trade will become more common
- The law is already regulated in Australia and has had a negative impact
- Younger customers will be able to buy from illegal trades without question

In closing I completely oppose plain packaging due to the above, if you wish to visit or discuss this matter further contact me on the above address or alternatively call 01772 822623

Regards,



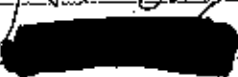
30th July, 2014

Dear Jeremy Hunt MP,

This is a formal consultation response. Sir you will effectively kill my business with the introduction of plain packaging. My business has been in existence since 1890 which saved tobacco mills in the area. The sub-markets have sprung up to no end, I have 2 now to compete with. It's tobacco that keeps the shop running;

But more importantly on this base there is 5 Double Branded Polish shops who sell illegal tobacco, that tobacco is selling for less than "half price" and it's the worst health for smoking it you can imagine; in the shop trade we would call it "Sweetling al" I am sorry to say it's the worst tobacco that has ever been packaged, it comes from China and actually submerged in Diesel tanks so it cannot be detected, it cannot be good for your health. But Money "talks" now a days.

Under the Screen was acceptable but to make it plain packaging is going to decimate the shop trade. I have been here now 33 years it will be time to close and I am too young to retire. ^{yet} Sir.

Yours Sincerely,


29/7/2014

Dear Jeremy Hunt MP

This is a formal consultation response

I own a business in Preston (Lancs)
I am writing to say that I am in opposition to the
proposed plain plain packaging. The Display Ban is in April
yet the Government want to make life more difficult
for us. It's been proven in Russia that it did not
work. In fact illicit trade has increased. We all really
have a Big Problem in my opinion about this

Plain Packaging will only have adverse effect on Smart
business like mine. Please Reconsider for the Sake of
Smart business



A FORMAL CONSULTATION RESPONSE

29th July 2014

DEAR JEREMY HUNT MP

I am writing in regards to the 'New Cigarette Packaging' coming into place in the coming years. I am a small business shop in a large varied community also as I am linked to a post office I have all kinds of people walking through my door.

I am all up for ^{and} very supportive of ~~under~~ stopping underage smoking and selling to minors but ~~as~~ I see no reason for the new packaging as from April 2015 all major and minor shops and stores will have doors on the Gantry which will conceal public display. Small shops like myself have enough rules and regulations to follow without more laws coming into place and slowing custom down more.

I have many issues regarding the 'New Packaging' as I only have one member of staff on at a time. It will increase shoplifting because of the simple fact my back would always be turned and in some cases longer than a few minutes as I have older customers who are very forgetful and can't easily remember names just packaging. So trying to help them would slow everything down and create unnecessary queues. Also illegal trading would increase as the packaging would be easier to copy and harder to point out if it's genuine or a fake and because of this the one thing you are trying to stop would be on an increase as it would be easier to buy on the streets.

I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU



25th / 07 / 14

Dear Jeremy Hunt MP,

This is a formal consultation response. I'm the current owner of this successful family business, that's been running for over 30 years now. 50% of my turn over comes from cigarettes and tobacco. If plain packaging is introduced, I feel that my turn over will be reduced. Plain packaging is an unnecessary additional piece of regulation, as health warning will already increase 65% of the pack under the EU Tobacco Products Directive. If all the packs look the same and will be behind closed doors it will take longer to serve customers, which will lead to customer dissatisfaction.

Margins will drop for independent retailers as customers will down grade to cheaper brands if they all look the same. Plain packaging will also lead to the increase of counterfitting as packs will be easier to forge. The UK government already has a big issue with counterfitting. For those reasons I oppose plain packaging. I look forward to hearing from your response.

Kind regards


(Owner/Manager)

Department of Health
Standardized Packaging Consultation
PO Box 1126
Canterbury
CT1 9ND

RE: Plain Packaging Consultation Response

Plain packaging will adversely
damage my business as it
will allow copying of tobacco
products. Already certain
traders are selling counterfeit
tobacco so this will merely
increase. As I send on a
Chemical 5 documentary these
toxic products contain various
harmful chemicals and rat
droppings — Department of
Health please take note!!!

Yours faithfully



Dear Jeremy Hunt MP

This is a formal consultation response to Plain Packaging.

I feel that Plain packaging is an unnecessary additional piece of regulation, the health warnings are already on the packet.

Customers are likely to downtrade or buy from abroad if the packets all look the same, this means low profit margin or a complete loss, if they increase buying from abroad they will not be paying tax on the packets.

I worry that the government is going to make it easy for criminals to copy plain packaging. We work really hard

Department of Health
Standard Packaging Consultation
Box 1126
Canterbury
CT1 9NB

Date 23-7-14

Dear Sir/Madam

I am strongly opposed to the
potential of a plain packaging
it would adversely affect business
we are a small business
well established whom have
been legitimately trading
for many years. We are
committed to all current
legislation and feel that
this extra burden will
devastate our legitimate
business. It will make
copying easier - who will
know what's legitimate
or not -

Yours faithfully

Department of Health
Standardised Packaging Consultation
PO Box 1126
Canterbury
CT1 9NB

Date 23-7-14

Re: Plain Packaging Consultation

Dear Sir/Madam

Introducing plain packaging will adversely affect businesses, mainly because of the impact of illicit trade. The packs will be easy to copy by gangs. Currently I know of a number of outlets selling cheap cigarettes under the counter so no pack design will seriously add to the burden of lost sales which is already being felt. Please consider these justifications for legitimate businesses in the United Kingdom.

Yours sincerely

DEPT CC HEALTH

STANDARDISED PACKAGING CONSULTATION

Po Box 1126

CANTERBURY

CTI 903

REF: PLAIN PACKAGING.

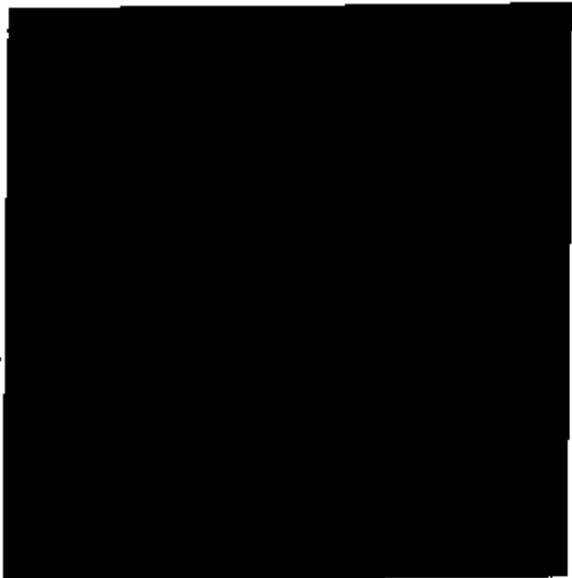
29/7/14

DEAR SIR/MADAM,

I HAVE 56 YEAR EXPERIENCE SELLING TOBACCO
MY WIFE HAS 45 YEARS EXPERIENCE, I HAVE 3 BOYS
WHO HAVE BEEN BROUGHT UP IN THE BUSINESS WITH
EASY ACCESS TO TOBACCO. I HAVE NEVER SMOKED
MY WIFE AND 3 BOYS HAVE NEVER SMOKED. PLAIN
PACKAGING HAS NO IMPACT ON ENCOURAGING PEOPLE
TO SMOKE.

ALL PLAIN PACKS WILL DO IS INCREASE AND FUEL

THE SALE OF ILLEGAL TOBACCO PRODUCTS.




TO SIR/MADAM

RE: STANDARDISED TOBACCO PACKING CONSULTATION

I am opposed to standardised ~~packaging~~ packaging because I think it would have little impact on reducing the number of people smoking. They have introduced standardised in Australia and counterfeit sales ~~have~~ have increased. There is no evidence that plain packet would deter smokers, but there is clear evidence that counterfeit sales do increase creating a bigger black market for fake cigarettes.

Yours faithfully



Dept. of Health
Standardised Packaging Consultation

20 Nov 1926

Canterbury

CT1 9ASX

REF: PLAIN PACKAGING;

Dear Sir/Madam,

With reference to the proposed laws on plain packaging I am deeply concerned that the effects on my business may well put me out of business. I feel the sales process will be more time consuming with every pack looking the same and behind doors.

I am also concerned that the supply of alcohol ~~toxic~~ will increase ~~even~~ higher than the present levels. This will not only affect my sales and viability of my business, but also the Government income from Toxic Sales.

I urge you to reconsider any proposed law as we are a FREE COUNTRY

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
STANDARDISED TOBACCO PACKAGING
PO BOX 1126
CANTEBURY
CT 903



30 July 2014

REF: PLAIN PACKAGING


Dear Sir/Madam

Plain packaging in my opinion is
going to have a adverse effect on
my business. THE HASSLE THAT
IT WILL CAUSE IS GOING TO EFFECT
CUSTOMER WAITING TIME FOR BOTH
SMOKERS AND NON SMOKERS. THIS
IS JUST ANOTHER HAMMER BLOW FOR SMALL
BUSINESSES.

IT ALSO WORRIES ME ABOUT THE EFFECT
IT WILL HAVE ON THE SUPPLY OF
ILLEGAL TOBACCO, WHICH IS NOT
REGULATED IN ANY WAY.

" PLEASE DON'T DO PLAIN PACKS "






Dear Mr. [Redacted]


3/27/14

As a busy 24 hr Service Station, I strongly feel that the proposed law will have serious implications to my business from a Customer Service view and from a Safety view.

The working time will be extended what will affect my Customer Service levels.


The biggest issue that I have is that it is putting on to the people who Manufacture and Sell illegal Tobacco brands. This is going to fuel an already growing problem.



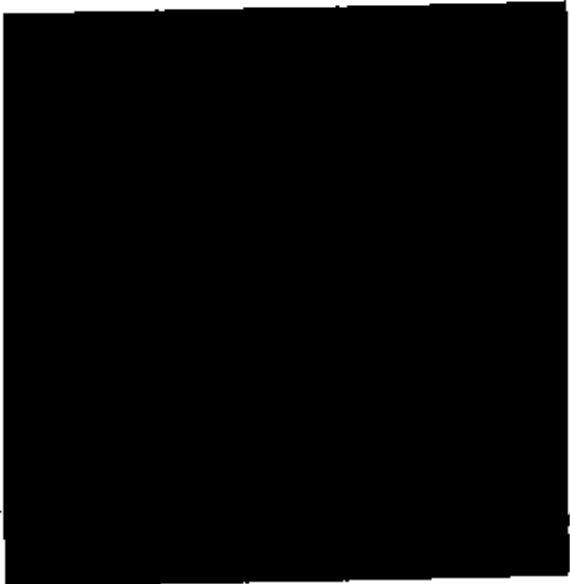


REF - PLAIN PACKAGINS

I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A COMENTS ON PLAIN
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AND IT WILL EASY FOR SMUGGLERS. AND IT WILL
BE VERY EASY FOR ILICIT MARKET



DEPT OF HEALTH
STANDARDISED TOBACCO
PACKAGING CONSULTATION
P.O. BOX 1126
CANTERBURY CT1 9NB




DEAR SIR/MADAM.

I AM WRITING TO YOURSELVES TO EXPRESS MY DEEP CONCERN AT THE PROSPECT OF PLAIN PACKAGING.

I LIVE AND WORK IN A RURAL AREA WHERE ILLICIT TOBACCO SALES ARE VERY VERY COMMON. YEAR ON YEAR I STRUGGLE TO ENSURE THE VIABILITY OF MY BUSINESS, ESPECIALLY WHEN TOBACCO SALES MAKE A SUBSTANTIAL PART OF MY TURNOVER. PLAIN PACKAGING IS ONLY GOING TO INCREASE ILLICIT SALES AND COUNTERFEIT PRODUCTS WHICH WILL IN TURN DELIVER A DEVASTATING BLOW TO MY BUSINESS



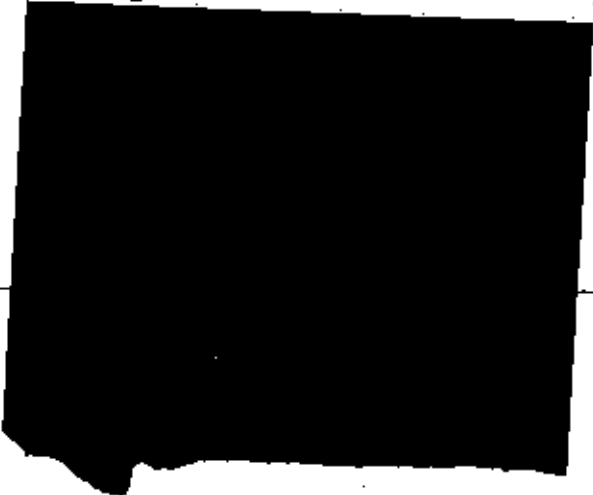


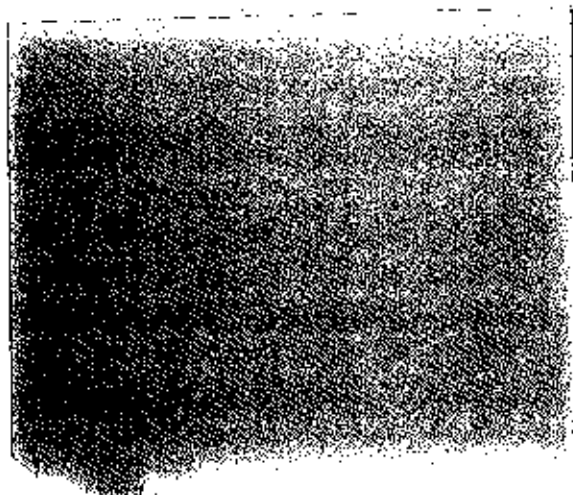
RE: PLAIN PACKAGING CONSULTATION

30/7/2014.

Dear Sir/Madame,

I would like to express my concerns at the possible introduction of plain packaging for tobacco. I feel that this step is not needed as at present we are having doors introduced on to our units, and by having plain packs behind them will make our staff's job harder and more complicated. On the back of this it will only help increase the amount of smuggled and illicit product being brought into the country, along with making copying the packs far easier. This is a negative move both for retailers and for the Government and would urge it to be re-thought.





JEREMY HUNT MP
 DEPT. OF HEALTH
 1TH FLOOR
 WELLINGTON HOUSE
 33-35 WATERLOO ROAD
 LONDON
 E1 1UG

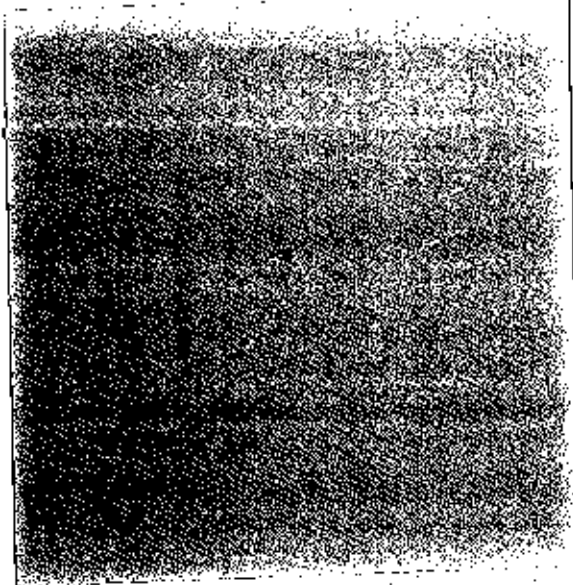
Dear MR. HUNT,

am writing in response, to the plain packaging
 consultation and wish to express my concerns as
 a small business owner.

I feel that the government is adding to the large amounts
 of red tape that is laid upon small business owners.
 And we strongly feel that this is an onus more as we
 have not even had the display ban in place.
 Finally, we believe that counterfeit cigarette products
 will definitely increase and as a whole the economy will
 suffer

YOURS FAITHFULLY





Dear Terry Hart,

I am writing in response to the consultation for plain packaging of cigarettes.

I am an independent retailer already expected to cover our cigarette displays next year but now you trying to push point of sale packaging, both having negative impact on the small independent retailers.

Plain packaging makes

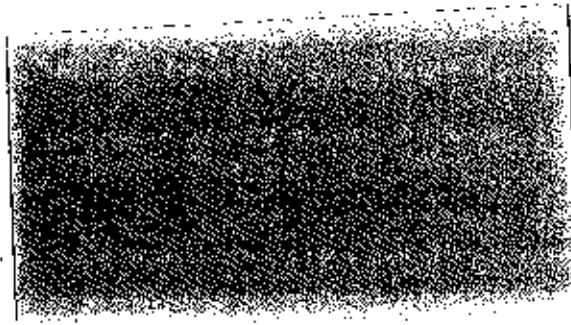
- 1 - counterfeit products easier to produce
- 2 - easier to circulate without notice.
- 3 - easier to pass on to under 18's.

Removing branding will hinder my ability to sell premium brands which mean profit although small can be achieved by the small retailers.

Your government CLAIMS to support the small retailers. Then SUPPORT US don't destroy us. Plain packaging will have no effect on people's smoking habits and will aid in underage smokers.

Yours sincerely

[Redacted signature]



Re: Proposed Plain Packaging of Tobacco Products

To whom it may concern,

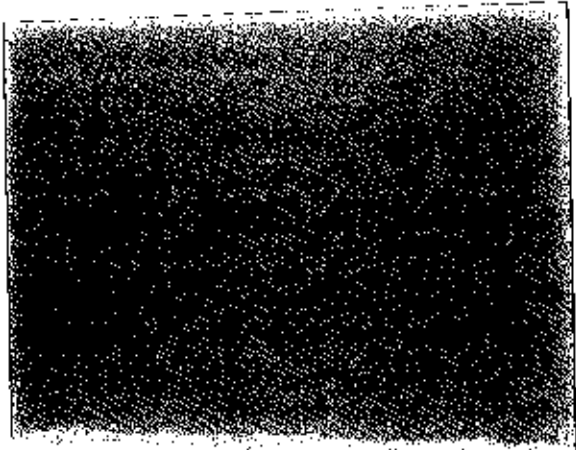
As an independent retailer, I wish it to be known that I am totally against Tobacco Plain Packaging.

As of April 2015, we will no longer be able to display tobacco products, this in itself is going to cause considerable increases in serving times, without making it more difficult to locate the product by making them all look the same, thus making my business more vulnerable to theft.

We enforce a strong No ID policy on underage sales, as do the majority of retailers. Underage smokers can still access tobacco products from the counterfeit and non UK duty paid supplies, perhaps if you put as much effort into controlling the sale of illegal product we would see a reduction in the sale of these products within the illicit market.

As far as I am aware, evidence from countries that have already implemented this policy, have proven that the implementation of plain packaging has not delivered the planned decreases in either the number of smokers or consumption levels.

Yours sincerely,



Dept of Health Standardised
Packaging consultation
P.O. Box 1122
Canterbury
CT1 9NB

Dear Jeremy Hunt,

Please do a 'U' turn on this plan.

- won't work
- direct sales will increase
- loss of revenue to Government
- loss to my business
(I Am struggling to make ends meet
anyway)

